EADI - the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes - is a Europe-wide network of institutes, researchers and students of various disciplines in the field of Development Studies. EADI offers facilities for the international exchange of knowledge and experiences in the professional field. The association was founded in 1975 and is an independent and non-profit making international non-govermental organisation. Its Secretariat is based in Bonn, Germany.

EADI’s objectives are:
- To generate and stimulate exchange of information among European scientists and researchers concerned with development issues,
- To promote interdisciplinary studies on specific themes,
- To develop contacts with researchers from other regions of the world.

Members take part in thematic working groups which organise conferences, seminars, research projects and publish their results in the EADI Book Series. EADI publishes its academic journal, the EJDR - The European Journal of Development Research five times a year. Its most prominent activity is a General Conference devoted to a topical theme every three years. EADI is part of ICCDA, Interregional Coordinating Committee of Development Associations.

L’EADI - Association européenne des instituts de recherche et de formation en matière de développement est le réseau européen d’instituts, de chercheurs, et d’étudiants venant de disciplines variées spécialisés dans le domaine des études du développement. L’EADI facilite l’échange international de connaissances et d’expériences au niveau professionnel. L’association a été fondée en 1975; elle est une organisation non-gouvernementale indépendante sans but lucratif. Son secrétariat est situé à Bonn en Allemagne.

Les buts de l’EADI sont:
- de produire et de stimuler l’échange d’information parmi les scientifiques et chercheurs européens concernés par les questions du développement,
- de promouvoir des études interdisciplinaires sur des thèmes spécifiques,
- de développer les contacts avec les chercheurs d’autres continents.

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I am humbled and honoured to have assumed the role of EADI President in 2023.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to my predecessor, Henning Melber, for his invaluable and truly immense contribution to EADI and Development Studies over many, many years. I would also like to acknowledge the invaluable support of all at the Secretariat, and the outgoing Executive Committee (ExCo) members. Additionally, I extend my thanks to the new Executive Committee and Vice Presidents (VPs) who play vital roles in advancing the mission of EADI, as well as to the Working Group convenors and other members of the EADI family.

EADI remains absolutely core to the Development Studies community, and as we celebrate the 50th anniversary in 2024-2025, it is a time for reflection on the past but also a chance to look to the future of Development Studies and, indeed, our association. We remain fortunate to have such a strong community exemplified in the vibrancy of the 2023 Lisbon General Conference. And we are doubly fortunate to have such a strong, dedicated, and creative secretariat led by Susanne von Itter and supported by Basile Boulay, Christiane Kliemann, Sarah Arfeen, and Naa Larteley Lartey.

EADI was established amid the 1970s, a period of crises in many ways. Fast forward half a century, and the world today is looking 1970ish. There is an impending sense of doom and a multitude of problems. And yet, the politics in many countries seem unable to meet the collective needs, and instead, we see the rise of right-wing nationalist populism around the world, very clearly in Europe. At the same time, a potentially profound technological leap is likely soon or already happening with consequences for all countries and people. One could be forgiven for just going back to bed. But not EADI. EADI has always engaged and responded to circling challenges and continues to do so over the course of our 50th-anniversary activities.

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EADI’s anniversary is, in fact, an anniversary of the Development Studies community and a chance to reflect. We need to reflect on the purpose of EADI and the contemporary challenges to confront. EADI has an important role to play in good times and even more so in turbulent times.
2024 and 2025 will be shaped by a set of activities commemorating the foundation of EADI. In 1974, a conference was held in Ghent, Belgium to prepare the official foundation of the association. The preparatory committee consisted according to the EADI archives of A.A. Jef van Bilsen, University of Gent, S. Hessel, Chairman of the Board of Directors of IDEES, J. de Bandt, Professor at the University of Paris X-Nanterre, J. Masini, IDEES (Paris), G. Ohlin, University of Uppsala, C.A.O. van Nieuwenhuijze, Rector of the Institute of Social Studies (The Hague), K.P. Treyde, Friedrich Ebert Foundation and DSE (Bonn), R. Jolly, Director Institute of Development Studies (Brighton), R. Wadlow, Institute of Development Studies (Geneva) and S. Bortonlani, FINAFRICA (Milan).

As a result, EADI was founded in 1975 at the first EADI General Conference with the title “A New International Economic Order: Economic, Social and Political Implications.” The explicit aim of EADI was the “desire to contribute, along with the “Third World” countries, to scientific research and development problems -first and foremost those set in an ‘international’, universal context, involving changes in the “industrialised” countries as well. We realise that such collaboration demands our real detachment from the objectives and ways of thinking, conditioned by domination and exploitation, which were highly typical of the past” (p75, The EADI Story). Dudley Seers, at that time Director of the Institute of Development Studies in Brighton, became the first President of EADI. Dudley Seers made two major contributions to development thinking, important for EADI. The first was that “development” was also an issue in “our own backyard”, in other words in Europe itself. It helped move researchers away from the colonialist-paternalist concentration of only looking at “poor people’s countries”. The second was his belief, right from the start, that it was essential to involve researchers from Eastern Europe. Almost 35 years after the ending of the division of Europe it is easy to forget how important this was in the early years of our Association. In this annual report, you will find the thematic introduction to the jubilee year “Development in Crisis: Reflecting on the Past, Looking to the Future”. A vibrant programme will be available on our website, with smaller events organised by the EADI Secretariat and EADI members, and a closing conference in May 2025 in Bonn.

In 2023, EADI held the 17th General Conference in cooperation with the Centre for African and Development Studies (CEsA) in Lisbon, and we are proud to report that we had a set of remarkable panels with high participation of researchers from Portuguese speaking countries. All plenary sessions are available online. As always, after the conference is before the conference, and we are happy to announce that the 18th General Conference will be held in Antwerp in Belgium in June 2026 hosted by the Institute of Development Studies (IODE). This year, we were also able to reinvigorate our connection to our international partner networks such as CLACSO, APISA, SADSA, KAIDEC and formed a “Global Group” with them. Their first activity was a plenary at the general conference in Lisbon on “Development Studies in Turbulent Times: Understanding and Responding in the Age of Crises”. In the next year, this group will focus on a set of questions related to the ‘global crises’ or poly-/perma-crisis of development with a variety of events and publications.

As a crosscutting initiative for the association, a task group on “Decolonising knowledge for development” was formed to develop relevant ideas, concepts, practices and sharing these more widely with EADI members and external audiences. A first outcome is a reflection paper on “Reflections on decolonising knowledge for development; an invitation to an EADI conversation” and a website with stories of experience of decolonising knowledge. A must read in this context is our recent open access book on “Global Development: towards decoloniality and justice”, edited by Henning Melber, Kees Biekart, Laura Camfield and Uma Kothari.

The next annual Directors’ Meeting is planned on 7 and 8 November, this time in cooperation with the Centre for International Studies and Development at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow. We are also going to continue our regional meetings with a get-together in Berlin at our member SLE at Humboldt University at the end of May. It will be in the form of a two-day mini conference for PhD students, a public panel and a strategic meeting of EADI institutional members in this particular area of Germany. I would like to conclude again by thanking our most important funder, the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), for their continuous support of our activities, and for enabling the EADI Secretariat to be a vigorous member of the scientific community, play an active role in Europe, and contribute to the success of the International UN City of Bonn. Our special thanks go to our members, who constantly support our activities and enrich the association with innovative activities and advice.

All these activities would not have been possible without a dedicated team, and I would like to express my sincere thanks for implementing these new and cutting-edge activities in our Secretariat’s work.

With warm regards, and I hope you enjoy reading our activities and highlights from 2023.
Mission Statement

“EADI is the prime professional association for Development Studies in Europe.

As such it promotes:
• Quality in research and education in development issues,
• The exchange of relevant information among members and with others,
• The strengthening of relevant knowledge networks at the regional and global level,
• Influencing both national and European decision-makers in the field of development co-operation.”

(Belgrade, November 2003)
In April 2024, EADI is going to start celebrating its 50th anniversary. A preparatory committee (composed of Laura Camfield, Nita Mishra, Andy Sumner, Jürgen Wiemann) has designed a series of activities, in some cases held and organised by our members throughout the years 2024 and 2025. The celebrations end with a final conference in May 2025 in Bonn.

EADI was established in the turbulent world of the 1970s. Fast forward fifty years, and the world is equally turbulent. The global South/East and North/West then and now face similar shocks and stressors, although their ability to respond financially, in policy, and in terms of capacity differs dramatically across countries.

Looking backwards, we can note the oil price crisis of the 1970s, the debt crisis and neo-liberal resurgence of the 1980s, the end of the Cold War in 1989, the global financial crisis of the late 2000s, the Arab Spring, and the recent COVID-19 pandemic, among other significant events. We witness a rising number of conflicts within and between countries, most notably the wars in Ukraine and the Middle East and their geopolitical and socio-economic consequences.

Since the 1970s, there have been improvements in a range of basic development indicators, including higher average incomes, reduced infant mortality and child mortality, and wider access to primary education. However, absolute poverty remains pervasive in the global South, and precarity and marginalisation are evident in the North and the South. In much of the North, median wages have stagnated, and poverty has risen, creating new questions for Social Science and potentially, Development Studies in terms of the scope of the field. The post-pandemic context is characterized by higher interest rates and debt servicing leading to austerity measures and the diversion of resources that could otherwise be used for social and productive spending. Across the world, there is the rise of right-wing nationalism and populism. There are also new challenges to democratic ideals, partly linked to digitalisation and new technologies, themselves influenced by geopolitics with states intervening in the elections of other countries.

And on the immediate horizon, climate change is now more evident. Extreme weather events are more frequent, and as agricultural patterns shift with climate change, food production will be volatile. Estimates of forced migration as a result of climate change are in the order of billions.

How can we understand and respond to these growing incongruences between the need for intensified global cooperation in view of other big challenges—climate change, loss of biodiversity, etc. - and the retrograde trend in many countries to look backward to an assumed better past as propagated by populist politicians? What does talk of a “multipolar world” mean? Does it mean a progressive new World Order? And at a national level, is the trend towards increasingly authoritarian/autocratic regimes inevitable or avoidable?

All of these factors set the context for a series of urgent transitions, including green transitions in energy and adaptation, which will interact with remarkable technological changes, particularly in artificial intelligence, genetic manipulation, and quantum computing in the coming years. It is within this context that the 50th anniversary of EADI takes place.

Dudley Seers, the first President of EADI, stated in his work programme for EADI that “we need to discard the idea that there is such a subject as ‘their’ problem of development and accept that we are all dealing with common, worldwide problems—though they take different forms in different parts of the world” (The EADI Story 1999, page 91). One could add that the capacity to respond to crises differs not only dramatically between the North/West and South/East but also within the South/East.

During this jubilee year, we aim to critically assess and reflect on development and Development Studies, responding to the topics raised by our working groups and members over the year, and to today’s development challenges.

We intend to generate a kaleidoscope of various views, perhaps rearranging the kaleidoscope to better understand the direction in which the world might be headed. We will have a rolling calendar of events, including local, regional, or international events that fall under the umbrella of the jubilee year.

In summary, as we look ahead, the world today faces multiple crises. We plan to reflect on the past and look forward to assessing what we can expect from the next 50 years and how the world will develop from here.

Under the broad umbrella of reflecting on the past and looking to the future, a set of sub-themes has been identified as follows:
Theme I: Responding to Global Crises

Today’s multipolar world is facing multiple crises. We will discuss how development research, with its interdisciplinary approach and a particular set of concepts and tools, can contribute to a deeper understanding of not only crises but also underpinning global challenges such as inequality, climate and biodiversity change. What is the core crisis, and is it one crisis or many? Whose crisis is it? What is the cause, and what is a symptom?

Can it be fixed? Who frames the crisis cause and solutions? Specifically, how can development research respond to the frequent, interconnected, and mutually reinforcing crises the world is facing, and is likely to face in years to come? The events held this year will show how different approaches contribute to our understanding of crises and how to collectively reach sustainable solutions to ensure we leave behind a habitable planet for the next generation.

New global challenges and more diffuse and critical approaches to these need a new skill set. In our jubilee year, we are supporting a research methods summer school, ongoing attention to critical and interdisciplinary pedagogies, and a professional development program to educate development professionals for uncertain futures (for example, looking at how impact can be measured and attributed in uncertain and contingent contexts).

Central to responding to the global crises will be understanding the role of knowledge, science, and policy engagement in creating impact. We work at the Research-Practice nexus to co-produce the knowledge we want to inform evidence-based policymaking. We look critically at what is counted as science, and at the role of science in the political discourse in the context of rising populism and rejection of expertise.

Theme II: Development Studies: Reflecting on the Past, Looking to the Future

We have a history of European Development Studies, but this is not a single story – what is the understanding of development (studies) in the European peripheries? What can we learn from this for the future of Development Studies? What might we lose in moving from Development Studies to Global Studies, and can we leave our problematic history behind by doing so? Does development require the socio-economic transformation of societies, or what other models can be drawn upon? Is development universal to all countries, or are there fundamental differences between countries as a result of history?

We will also look at the contested nature of development and Development Studies: here we explicitly apply an anti-racist and decolonial lens to our practice. In doing so, we raise awareness of the challenges and complexities inherent in development research and practice, for example, by highlighting the histories and social construction of research methods such as surveys, or institutions such as universities, and create space for alternative ways of thinking about and doing research and development.

Central to decolonising knowledge is promoting equity in research and university partnerships through dialogue with funders as well as our members. To achieve this, we work alongside global development and social studies networks, for example, in creating joint events and guidelines. We encourage regional cooperation between EADI members, including during our Jubilee year, and extend this to the next generation of researchers via our regional Early Career Researchers workshops. The goal of this is to ensure that whatever their origin, ideas about new forms of human well-being become part of the development mainstream, alongside alternative technologies, and frugal innovation.

In sum, development remains turbulent. The challenge is global, even if the ability to respond is still largely national and highly differentiated across countries. What can Development Studies contribute to solving the problems of the world: Inequality, poverty, climate and biodiversity change, migration, food security, energy, conflicts, (human) security, development cooperation and policy, power imbalances, social protection, decent work? The events of our jubilee year will facilitate discussions/workshops/lectures to explore such questions. A calendar of events is available on the EADI Website.
Executive Committee Meetings

The Executive Committee manages the affairs of the Association, oversees EADI’s aims and objectives as determined by the General Assembly, and organises the activities of the Association. It consists of a President and one representative per country, as well as co-opted members. The Executive Committee 2023 - 2026 is composed of sub-committees dealing with the following themes:

- Sub-committee on International Networking (chaired by Alfredo Saad-Filho)
- Sub-committee on Research, Practice and Policy Engagement (chaired by Katja Bender and Iliana Olivié)
- Sub-committee on Education and the Next Generation (chaired by Nita Mishra)

The Management Committee is composed of the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, and the Executive Secretary.

For a complete list of the members of the Executive Committee, please see the inside cover of this Annual Report.

The EADI Executive Committee met twice in 2023: on 21 April in Budapest, kindly hosted by the Centre for Economic and Regional Studies in Budapest, Hungary, and on 16/17 November in Bonn, kindly hosted by IDOS, German Institute for Development and Sustainability. At the meeting, the Secretariat’s progress report was presented, and the actions of the Secretariat were collectively approved. The 2022 accounts and the 2023 budget were approved, and the auditor for 2023 appointed. Three Management Committee meetings took place, on 20 April, 13 June (online) and 16 November.

On 20 April, a seminar on “Insights into Development Research in Hungary” was held.

EADI General Assembly

On 16 May, the triannual General Assembly took place online. Items on the agenda included the election of the Executive Committee 2023 – 2026 and the President, the financial situation, and the plans for the next three years. The 2020–2022 accounts and 2023 budget were approved by the Assembly, and the Secretariat was officially discharged. All new members who had joined over the past year were formally accepted and welcomed to the Association. The new and continuous national candidates to the Executive Committee were elected and congratulated. Andy Sumner was elected by unanimous vote as the new EADI president. In his acceptance speech, he outlined his vision for the Association:

“We must recognize the global perspective and also the plurality of Development Studies, encompassing various approaches, and be an inclusive family that embraces all perspectives within EADI. So, how should EADI respond in a broad sense in the next three years? I am reminded of a quote from Brazilian intellectual and politician, Celso Furtado: “the motivations of the investigator are numerous; the most fundamental, however, is confidence in one’s imagination, and knowledge of how to use it.” Thus, we need to pause and reflect, and renew our imaginations and make use of them. First, we need to strengthen, expand, and develop EADI’s networks in the Global South. Second, we need to increase EADI’s visibility in policy and advocacy debates. Finally, we should continue to support students and early career researchers through our work on teaching and training in Development Studies.”

An article containing parts of the speech can be accessed on the EADI website at https://www.eadi.org/news-2/the-two-crises-of-development-studies-a-letter-from-the-new-eadi-president

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EADI General Conference

From 10 – 13 July 2023, EADI organised its general conference in partnership with the Centre for African and Development Studies (CEsA) and the ISEG-Lisbon School of Economics and Management at the University of Lisbon. Organised in a hybrid format and entitled “Towards New Rhythms of Development”, the conference brought together 450 participants, 76% of which attended in person, and 24% online. The event featured a strong participation from the Global South, with for example 15% of participants coming from Africa and 6% from Central and Latin America.

The conference featured a variety of panels: 14 harvest panels (to present complete research projects),
opportunity to meet and discuss.

Citizenship and Civil Society in Development

The main project of this Working Group was the publication of the open access volume “Civil Society Responses to Changing Civic Spaces” in May 2023 as part of the EADI Global Development Series. The group’s panel at the Lisbon conference “New rhythms from below: Disentangling civic agency for development” was therefore motivated by the urge to further reflect on the conclusions of the book. It explored how new theorizations and empirical investigations of civic agency could impact our understanding of new rhythms of development.

Climate-Resilient Development and Transformational Change

This Working Group centred its discussions at the conference around alternatives to traditional and linear responses to the triple planetary crises, climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss. The group’s panel with the title “New rhythms of development at community level: Ideas to achieve & scale-up climate resilience & transformational change” invited discussions about new trajectories of development from a conceptual as well as applied level, especially with a focus on the role played by indigenous, traditional and community knowledge.

Europe and Transitions in (Southern) Africa

“Democracy and its challenges in Africa: old problems, new perspectives?” This conference seed panel aimed at discussing new and original perspectives on the historical, political and social ingredients shaping democracy and the political systems in sub-Saharan Africa today in order to understand how Africa fits into and at the same time helps reshape ‘rhythms of development’ and democratization trends worldwide.

Frugal Innovation and Development

The Working Group’s conference panel plugged into the wider societal and academic debates on digitalisation and sustainable development by providing a platform to critically discuss the linkages between digitalisation, frugal innovation and rhythms of development. With the title “Frugal Innovation and Digitalisation”, it shed the light on issues such as digital technologies, artificial intelligence, smart cities, digital inequalities, all related to frugal innovation.

Gender Justice

The conference panel of this Working Group was titled “Gender, Violence, and Leadership” and discussed how women’s leadership can be supported to seek equitable solutions to the many crises we face globally, especially connected to women’s exposure to violence. Raised questions were “how does violent insecurity, as a result
of conflict, climate crisis, humanitarian catastrophes, and other factors, affect opportunities for women’s leadership?”, and “in what ways does structural violence continue to impede women’s progress into and in leadership?“

**Inclusive Development**

This Working Group held two sessions at the Lisbon conference: a harvest panel and a workshop. The panel titled “Fostering Inclusive Development Policies in Sub-Saharan Africa” departed from the findings of a special EJDR issue on Inclusive Development Policies in SSA. The workshop with the title “How does a Wellbeing Economy Approach square with Inclusive Development? Creating temporal and political development spaces” introduced people working on wellbeing economy and/or inclusive development, whilst weaving through examples of an empirical case study in the city of Amsterdam.

**Institutions and Development in Portuguese Speaking Countries**

“The contribution of Amilcar Cabral” was the title of the Working Group’s conference roundtable which engaged academics, practitioners and activists on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Amilcar Cabral, the leader of the successful battle for self-determination in Guinea-Bissau and Cabo Verde and thinker on the anti-colonial struggle.

**Multidimensional Poverty and Poverty Dynamics**

This is a joint Working Group with the Development Studies Association of the UK (DSA), which in 2023 held a two-day workshop outside the Lisbon conference. In partnership with the new Poverty and Social Protection (PSP) Hub in the Centre for the Study of Global Development (CSGD) and the Chronic Poverty Advisory Network (CPAN) at the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), it organised a hybrid workshop with the title “Poverty Reduction – Rethinking Policy and Practice” on 27 and 28 September. The workshop brought together over 50 participants from Indonesia, Ghana, Mexico, the Philippines and other countries.

**Multinational Corporations and Development**

The Working Group’s conference panel had the title “Global value chains, multinational corporations and development” and shed the light on how global value chains and multinational corporations may affect local development. It had a particular focus on upgrading opportunities for less developed regions and locations in global value chains and the roles multinational corporations play in that process.

**Research Communications**

Under the title “Is development missing the bigger picture?”, the Working Group held an interactive workshop at the conference which centred around questions such as How and when can we engage with other societal actors in meaningful and effective ways? And how can we ensure that the people that research is done about, for, and ideally with, can also access the findings? How can we tell stories that link our research to the critical issues for all of humanity, as well as people’s day-to-day concerns?

**Urban Governance**

The conference panel of this Working Group was titled “Exploring the rhythms of urbanisation and conflict”. It explored the relationship between migration, urbanisation and conflict/peacebuilding, drawing on empirical findings or conceptual reflections on these relationships anywhere in the world with focus on any aspect of the process of urban ‘arrival’ and its intersection with conflict and efforts to overcome it, in order to build a deeper understanding of the inescapable dynamics of global urbanisation.

**International Networking**

To support international outreach, a subcommittee on “International Networking” was established, to pursue ongoing activities and reach out to new partners.

In this context, a Global Crises Working Group was established, with partners from the international networks APISA, CLACSO, CODESRIA, KAIDEC, SADSA, and the Indonesian regional association. A joint EJDR special issue is being prepared.

EADI values its membership in the Society for International Development, SID International (Rome, Italy), the International Science Council (ISC, Paris, France) and the Global Development Network (GDN, New Delhi, India) as an avenue to foster professional partnerships and joint ventures. Furthermore, EADI is a member of ACUNS, the Academic Council on the United Nations System and the Steering Group of PEGNet, the Poverty Reduction, Equity, and Growth Network.

EADI is a founding member of EASSH, the European Alliance of Social Sciences and the Humanities, established in early 2015 in Paris.

In 2017, EADI joined the International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development (PaRD). It brings together governmental and intergovernmental entities with civil society organisations such as religious and value-driven organisations to harness the positive impact of religion and faith-based values in sustainable development and humanitarian assistance.
Networks-to-Network Initiative (N2N)

In collaboration with the Finnish University Partnership for International Development (UniPID), EADI has been building a “network of networks” to support the exchange and cooperation between Nordic and European academic networks and associations relevant to development issues and global challenges, and/or aiming to support research and higher education cooperation with so-called third countries. The initiative kicked off in 2017 during the EADI NORDIC Conference in Bergen. The meeting brought together all interested network representatives present at the conference to get acquainted and map common interests for cooperation. Two online meetings and one in person meeting at the EADI General Conference in Lisbon were held in 2023.

EADI Programmes

EnerSHelF - Energy Self-Sufficiency for Healthcare Facilities in Ghana

The EnerSHelF project was a German-Ghanaian interdisciplinary project funded by the German Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF) under the “CLIENT II - International Partnerships for Sustainable Innovation” scheme. EnerSHelF dealt with the sustainable and reliable energy supply for healthcare facilities in Ghana, and EADI was involved in the project as transfer and dissemination partner. The healthcare sector in Ghana is particularly burdened by high energy costs and recurring power outages resulting from the lack of electricity supply. EnerSHelF aimed to show that photovoltaic (PV) power can not only contribute to strengthening the Ghanaian national energy system, but do so in a sustainable, cost-effective way.

The project brought together experts from nine organisations in industry, technical disciplines, and social sciences to improve and disseminate marketable PV based energy solutions for health facilities in Ghana. Having begun in June of 2019, the project ended in March 2023. EnerSHelF had a distinct interdisciplinary and context specific design. Collaboration between technical disciplines (Engineering and Natural Sciences) and Social Sciences (Development Economics) allowed the project to gain an integrative understanding of the interplay between the institutional and technological transition in the health-energy nexus. The creation of a framework for stakeholder engagement, transfer, and dissemination in which the technologies and their adoption are tailored to local factors enabled a context-specific use of PV energy solutions and so helped in energising Africa’s future.

As the transfer and dissemination partner, EADI continued to communicate the project's news and updates across various platforms. The project's website https://www.enershelf.de served as the main communication tool with regular articles and interviews with researchers and partners, including policy briefs, business briefs and several fact sheets. In 2023, the project results were presented at COP 28. The project ended in spring 2023 with two final stakeholder events in Germany and Ghana. https://www.enershelf.de

EADI Knowledge Exchange Sessions

This type of events provides attendees with specific skills in the context of a given problem or situation. This includes skills related to teaching and questions of pedagogy. These sessions are lead by 'experts' in a specific field. In 2023, two online knowledge exchange sessions were held:

28 February 2023: “Green Academia. Towards Eco-Friendly Education Systems” by Sayan Dey

15 June 2023: “Pedagogical Innovations in International Development: Teaching Critical Hope” with Anke Schwittay, University of Sussex

EADI Early Career Activities

EADI took an active role in funding and co-organising a doctoral conference in Aubervilliers (France) in October 2023, as part of its commitment to showcase research in French (an EADI official language), to strengthen ties with French institutional and individual members, and to provide specific support to early career researchers and activities more generally. Entitled ‘Regards critiques sur le développement’ (Critical takes on development), the conference brought together French-speaking scholars from several countries, with a strong representation of West Africa. As a co-organiser, EADI was responsible for the organisation of a workshop on professional careers in development outside academia, as well as the closing plenary, which critically assessed the concept of resilience. More information can be accessed here: https://sites.google.com/view/jdrc-developpement/accueil. It is expected that this collaboration will be renewed in 2024 for the next edition.

In addition to that, and as in previous years, EADI also funded the 19th Development Dialogue, organised by the International Institute of Social Studies. With the title ‘Reckoning with the past and imagining the futures of development research and practice’, the conference took place in November 2023 and brought together PhD students in development studies. More information on their website: https://www.iss.nl/en/research/conferences-and-seminars/development-dialogue/19th-development-dialogue
EADI Podcast Series

EADI released in 2023 the second season of the ‘Hierarchies of Development’ podcast, a collaboration with the Department of International Development at King’s College London, and the Developing Economics Blog. Four episodes were released throughout the year, covering the following topics:

• Money and Finance (part 1): Core-Periphery Dynamics of Inflation and the Role of the International Monetary Fund in Assessing Debt Sustainability.

• Money and Finance (part 2): Political Economy of Monetary Dependency, the Colonial Legacy of the Franc-CFA, the Intellectual Heritage of Samir Amin.

• Food and Agrarian Hierarchies (part 1): Political Economy of Soy in Latin America, the Argentinean National Agrarian Imaginary, and Soy Trade Relationship between Latin American Countries and China.

• Food and Agrarian Hierarchies (part 2): Feminisation of Agriculture in India, Cross-State Comparisons between Gujarat and West Bengal as well as Ways Forward to Make the Work of Women in Agriculture More Visible.

Season 2 of the podcast was very well-received, with an audience of between 460 and 260 for the different episodes as of December 2023. In addition, audience for the first season grew as well, as new listeners were attracted to the podcast (between 450 and 840 listeners for the different episodes of season 1).

It is expected that a third season be recorded and produced in 2024, with release late 2024 / early 2025. The third season will present a broader and more historical focus on alternative development paradigms. More details can be found on EADI website: https://www.eadi.org/news/podcast-hierarchies-of-development

EADI Virtual Dialogues and Distinguished Guest Lectures

In 2023, the following virtual dialogues and distinguished guest lectures were organised by EADI:

• Virtual Dialogue: Why Climate Change Disasters are Governance Disasters, with Shandana Khan Mohmand (Research Fellow at the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex). 30 May 2023.


• Distinguished Guest Lecture: Latin America and its Challenges under the New and Disputed Global Order: Bringing Latin American Structuralism to the Forefront, with Víctor Ramiro Fernández (Professor of Economic Geography and State Theory at Universidad Nacional del Litoral, Argentina). 14 November 2023.

CASSIS / IDOS / EADI Megatrend Lecture Series

For the second edition of the Megatrend Lecture Series, EADI took the lead in the organisation of the event (rotating basis). In cooperation with the Center for Advanced Security, Strategic and Integration Studies (CASSIS) at Bonn University and the German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS), the lecture was organised in-person at IDOS and took place on 16 November 2023. This year’s topic was ‘Use or Misuse? The Emerging Global Challenge of Data Authoritarianism’ and featured speakers from GIGA (Germany), ECDPM (Netherlands) and the University of the Witwatersrand (South Africa). The panel explored the growing uses of digital repression and their implications for democratic life and political intimidation/surveillance. Moderation was facilitated by EADI staff.

The series will be continued in 2024, with IDOS taking the organisational lead.

EADI Accreditation Initiative

The International Accreditation Council for Global Development Studies and Research (IAC/EADI), as the professional European organisation of institutes and professionals in the field of development, wishes to proactively shape the process of accreditation and quality assurance what Global Development Studies is concerned. To this end, it has developed a state-of-the-art quality assurance (QA) and accreditation system that takes the specific nature of Global Development Studies into account. The International Accreditation Council for Global
Development Studies and Research (IAC/EADI) is the independent council of EADI in charge of the system. Since 2011, 17 programmes have been accredited.

IAC/EADI works in close collaboration with the EADI Secretariat in Bonn. The main purpose of IAC/EADI is to promote the quality of Global Development training programmes both in the North and the South. IAC/EADI accreditation either stands on its own as a voluntary evaluation and accreditation system or can be complementary to existing national systems which are in place in Europe and beyond. Accreditation by IAC/EADI may in certain cases be formally recognised by national accreditation authorities. The QA standards and criteria used by IAC/EADI are state of the art and in line with the European Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area as issued by the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA). In early 2013, IAC/EADI became a member of the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE). IAC also offers cluster accreditations in cooperation with NVAO (Netherlands) and Aqas (Germany).

The IAC/EADI Council is chaired by Liisa Laakso (Nordic Africa Institute). Further members are Tom de Herdt (IOB, Antwerp), Nazneen Kanji (Independent Researcher, Trustee of INTRAC), Sergio Tezanos Vasquez (Universidad de Cantabria), Maggi Leung (University of Amsterdam), Carina Videgain (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México), Joost Mönks (independent advisor) and Susanne von Itter (EADI). In 2023, the Master in Interdisciplinary Development Studies (MIDS) de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia was successfully re-accredited.

For more information, please go to: www.eadi.org/accreditation.

Publications and Information Systems

EADI has several communication channels: The European Journal of Development Research (EJDR) is published five times a year; the fortnightly EADI e-newsletter contains news from EADI and its members and partners highlighting research from EADI members; the EADI website offers a wealth of information on development issues; EADI social media channels serve to disseminate news about research and events; and, finally, the EADI Book Series presents research undertaken in the Working Groups and the association.

European Journal of Development Research (EJDR)

The EJDR is a multi-disciplinary journal that seeks to broaden understanding of the processes that advance or impede human development. Articles published take a variety of viewpoints including political, economic, sociological, and anthropological perspectives. It examines challenges that face developing countries, and the developed world. The Impact Factor increased to 2.5 in 2022. The journal caters to an international readership of academics and practitioners and is the official journal of EADI. All institutional EADI members benefit from a printed copy of the journal, and premium and individual members receive additional online access.

The European Journal of Development Research (EJDR) recognises the need to provide a forum for the publication of original and high-quality research by individuals that are early in their research career. For that reason, EJDR’s Early Career Researchers initiative has been designed to assist with the understanding of this process. It is a ‘supported learning’ submissions route for early careers authors, to help fulfil their potential. The EJDR also offers online Open Access Articles and thematic collections regularly which are available online for a limited period of time. In addition, EADI sponsored open access for three articles published in the EJDR by researchers from the global South.

Editorial team

The 2023 editorial team comprised:

- Spencer Henson (Editor in Chief), University of Guelph, Canada
- Antonio Andreoni, University College London, UK
- Tanya Jakimow, Australian National University, Australia
- Uma S. Kambhampati, University of Reading, UK
- Tewodaj Mogues, International Monetary Fund, USA
- Martin Prowse, Green Climate Fund, Korea
- John Rand, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- Rajah Rasiah, University of Malaya, Malaysia
- Keetie Roelen, Institute of Development Studies, UK
- Mariz Tadros, Institute of Development Studies, UK
- Rebecca Tiessen, University of Ottawa, Canada
- Natascha Wagner, Radboud University, The Netherlands
- Fiona Yap, The Australian National University, Australia
- Natalia Lorenzoni is the managing editor.
The European Journal of Development Research

- Explores processes that advance or impede human development
- Covers development research from political, economic, sociological and anthropological perspectives
- Examines challenges that developing countries and the developed world face

The European Journal of Development Research (EJDR) redefines and modernises what international development is, recognising the many schools of thought on what human development constitutes. It encourages debate between competing approaches to understanding global development and international social development. The journal is multidisciplinary and welcomes papers that are rooted in any mixture of fields including (but not limited to): development studies, international studies, social policy, sociology, politics, economics, anthropology, education, sustainability, business and management. EJDR explicitly links with development studies, being hosted by European Association of Development Institutes (EADI) and its various initiatives.

The European Journal of Development Research embraces a critical use of quantitative, qualitative and mixed methods. The research methods used in the journal’s articles make explicit the importance of empirical data and the critical interpretation of findings. Authors can use a mixture of theory and data analysis to expand the possibilities for global development. Data use in the journal ranges broadly from narratives and transcripts, through ethnographic and mixed data, to quantitative and survey data.

The European Journal of Development Research encourages papers which embody the highest quality standards, and which use an innovative approach. We urge authors who contemplate submitting their work to the EJDR to respond to research already published in this journal, as well as complementary journals and books. We make special efforts to include global voices, and notably voices from the global South. Queries about potential submissions to EJDR can be directed to the Editors.

EJDR Special Issues 2023

**Evaluating Complex Research for Development Programmes**

Volume 35, Issue 2, April 2023
Guest Editors: Marina Apgar, Mieke Snijder, Sylvia Szabo and Grace Lyn Higdon

**Financing for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the era of COVID-19 and beyond**

Volume 35, Issue 1, February 2023
Guest Editors: Rashmi Arora and Tapan Sarker

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EADI Global Development Series

Since 2012, EADI has partnered with Palgrave Macmillan to publish a book series focused on important contributions to the literature on both theoretical and practical development research. The editors of the series are Isa Baud (Prof em. University of Amsterdam), Maja Bucar (Vice-Dean for Doctoral Studies and International Relations, University of Ljubljana) and Andrew Mold (Senior Economist at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Kigali, Rwanda). From 2020, Pedro Goulart (CAPPLisbon) joined the editorial team. The latest addition to the series were:

Civil Society Responses to Changing Civic Space (Open Access)
Editors: Kees Biekart, Tiina Kontinen, Marianne Millstein

Challenging Global Development: Towards Decoloniality and Justice (Open Access)
Editors: Henning Melber, Kees Biekart, Laura Camfield, Uma Kothari

Forthcoming 2024: Social Accountability Initiatives in Morocco, Tunisia, and Lebanon. Civic Innovation in the Arab World after 2011 (Open Access)
Editors: Ward Vloeberghs, Sylvia I. Bergh

Call for Book Proposals

Development Studies is a multi- and inter-disciplinary field of study, reflecting the multi-disciplinary character of EADI membership. The book series aims to better understand the interplay between social, economic, political, technological, ecological, cultural and gendered aspects of societal change at the local, national, regional and global levels. It focusses on the link between theory, policy and practice.

New formats within the series are also being considered. The first format “From past to present - and vice versa” reminds us that development processes are not ahistorical, gathering papers that draw on historical and contemporary events focussed on a particular region or topic. The second format “From theory to practice - and vice versa” provides a forum for dialogue between academics, policymakers and practitioners. The third “Development roundtable” format serves as a forum where major contributors engage in debate about a specific topic. Original and thought-provoking perspectives based on evidence are encouraged. The series editors invite manuscripts across all disciplines which address these questions. Proposals or inquiries at:

bookproposals@eadi.org

EADI Blog: Debating Development Research

Since its launch in October 2018, the EADI Blog “Debating Development Research” has constantly grown its readership and has become well established in the community. In 2023, it hosted 39 new posts, 10 of which were part of the Lisbon Conference series. Here are the ten most cited articles:

How ethical can research relationships be in Development Studies?
09 January 2023 by Isis Barei-Guyot

Decentralised Development Cooperation: potential and practices from an international perspective
23 January 2023 by Jorge Gutiérrez Goiria

Understanding epistemic erasures of local & indigenous communities: Decolonizing research and re-imagining alternative partnerships in Development Studies
21 February 2023 by Yafa El Masri, Melis Cin, Kitty Furtado, Paola Minoia and Rahime Süleymanoğlu-Kürüm (in Lisbon conference series)

Securing sufficient, sustainable energy for all needs a massive reduction in global inequality
13 March 2023 by Joel Millward-Hopkins

The Global South and the return of geopolitics
27 March 2023 by Wil Hout (in Lisbon conference series)

Development Studies cannot become an apology for the status quo
06 April 2023 by Alfredo Saad-Filho
Friends, foes, or frenemies? Reflecting on the Varieties of Development Studies and relations with Economics
01 June 2023 by Andy Sumner

Four approaches to shifting mindsets for decolonising knowledge
31 July 2023 by Peter Taylor and Crystal Tremblay

Contested development imaginaries: Hindutva and the co-option of ‘decolonisation’
04 August 2023 by Kalpana Wilson, Giti Chandra and Lata Narayanaswamy

13 September 2023 by Mette Fog Olwig, Jacob Rasmussen, Lone Riisgaard, Christine Noe, Geetika Khanduja, Peter Taylor, Herbert Hambati, Lisa Ann Richey, Chris Büscher and Paola Minoia (in Lisbon conference series)

Website

Regularly updated and maintained by the Secretariat team, the website features the latest EADI news and links to all member institutions and Working Groups. The Association’s web presence has proved to be an important information channel for both members and the general public. Each premium member is featured through an extended page with dedicated news. The EADI website is an established online research communication channel which presents the collective knowledge and expertise of EADI’s member institutes. The website was relaunched with a new design and structure in April 2022. EADI news and activities are also featured on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Mastodon.

Newsletter

The EADI eNewsletter is an efficient and frequently visited information service helping EADI members as well as the general public to stay informed about the development research community. It features news from EADI, members and partners, from EADI Working Groups, news on training courses, calls for papers, job offers and conferences.

Membership

EADI had the pleasure of admitting a number of new members (see page 15) to the Association. While we welcome them to EADI, the Executive Committee and the Secretariat consider the membership drive as a continuous task in order to increase the number of member institutes, associates and individuals. Currently, 19 institutes (see page xx) are Premium Members of EADI and enjoy enhanced visibility on EADI’s website and newsfeeds.

In memoriam: Emmanuel de Kadt

We sadly announce that our former EADI President Emmanuel de Kadt passed away in March 2024. He was President of EADI from 1985 to 1990, and attended many EADI General Conferences and jubilee celebrations. His research focused on health and development and tourism and development and in the later years on religion and development. We will miss our gentle, kind, collegiate colleague and member. Emmanuel was fellow and former Academic Director of the Institute of Development Studies, Brighton, and Professor Emeritus at Utrecht University.
## Annex

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Map: Countries with EADI institutional members (31.12.2023)
Funders and Sponsors 2023

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- The City of Bonn
- The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
- The German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)
- The Centre for African and Development Studies (ISEG /CESA)

and all EADI members.

New EADI Institutional Members 2023

- African Studies Centre (ASC) - Metropolitan University Prague, Czech Republic
- Centre de Recherche en Economie et Gestion (CEPN) - University Sorbonne Paris Nord, Paris XIII, France
- Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE) - ELTE Department of Global and Development Studies, Hungary
- IHE Delft Institute for Water Education - IHE Delft (Premium), The Netherlands
- Maastricht University - SBE - MSM, UM – MSM, The Netherlands
- The School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) - University of London (Premium), United Kingdom
- The Centre for the Study of Global Development (CSGD & OU) - The Open University, United Kingdom
- Unité mixte de recherche Développement et Sociétés (UMR DevSoc), France

EADI Premium Members

- AFD – Agence Française du Développement, France
- AISSR–Amsterdam Institute of Social Science Research, The Netherlands
- CAPP - Centre for Administration and Public Policies, Portugal
- CESA Centre for African and Development Studies, Portugal
- CICOPS – Universita di Pavia, Italy
- CMI – Chr. Michelsen Institute; Norway
- DEval –German Institute for Development Evaluation
- DRIIE - National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Romania
- ECDPM – European Centre for Development Policy Management, The Netherlands
- Faculty of Society and Economics, Rhine Waal University of Applied Science, Germany
- GCGS - Ghent Centre for Global Studies, Belgium
- IDS – Institute of Development Studies, Brighton, United Kingdom
- IDOS - German Institute for Development and Sustainability
- IHE - Delft Institute for Water Education, The Netherlands
- IHEID – Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies Geneva, Switzerland
- ISS –International Institute of Social Studies, The Netherlands
- King’s International Development Institute, United Kingdom
- NORAGRIC – Department of International Environment and Development Studies, Norway
- OEFSE - Austrian Foundation for Development Research
## Income Statement for the Fiscal Year from 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023 (EUROS)

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<td>5. Operating result</td>
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<td>6. Consumption of the last year’s earmarked reserves</td>
<td>136,584.13</td>
<td>209,596.39</td>
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<td>7. Transfer into the earmarked reserves</td>
<td>148,934.74</td>
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<td>8. Net result for the year</td>
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<td>Cash and cash equivalents</td>
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<td>1. Trade accounts payable</td>
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