

17th Development Dialogue
**“Engaged Scholarship for Development:
Building Solidarity, Peace and Social Justice”**

29 - 30 June 2020

International Institute of Social Studies
The Hague, The Netherlands

Call for abstracts

In collaboration with [EADI ISS 2020 Conference](#), we are pleased to announce that the 17th edition of the Development Dialogue (DD) will be held on the 29th and 30th of June 2020 at the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) in The Hague, The Netherlands. The DD is an annual ISS conference organized by and for PhD researchers and young scholars in development studies and related fields. The theme for this year's conference is 'Engaged Scholarship for Development: Building Solidarity, Peace and Social Justice'. The upcoming DD17 has been combined and scheduled back-to-back with the triennial conference of the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI) taking place from 29th June to 2nd July 2020, and also to be hosted at ISS.

We are living in an era of multiple crises –of widespread inequality, violence, poverty, climate change, the rise of extreme nationalism, racism, war, and human rights violations –which are systemically linked. Conventionally, PhD researchers are expected to theorize, explain, predict and suggest recommendations for their selected topics, using limited resources to conduct feasible case studies. As young researchers, our attempts to fulfil our academic obligations often result in our being confined to our specific areas of study. Whereas our intellectual projects provide us with in-depth knowledge and insights into the localized problems that we investigate, it is crucial that we also reflect on the implications of our work in the context of the current globalized struggles. All of these require building alternatives for social change, as well as our engagement with counter narratives and resistance. In this year's DD, we seek contributions that critically engage with broader global development issues, particularly those in line with the EADI 2020 conference themes of solidarity, peace and social justice.

We invite PhDs and early-career researchers in development studies to share ideas on their research methodologies, findings and experiences towards solidarity, peace and social justice. In line with the theme of the EADI conference, the DD17 will explore questions including:

- How and why do we, as engaged PhD researchers, contribute to solidarity, peace and social justice?
- How can we find new understandings to the concept of 'development', through the lenses of solidarity, peace and social justice?

- What are the limits and opportunities for engaged scholarship and activism around global development issues?

We would like to invite participants to reflect on any aspect of solidarity, peace and social justice, under the thematic areas including, but not limited to:

- Social movements
- Agrarian development
- Conflict and security
- Gender equality
- Environment and sustainable development
- Health and education
- Humanitarian aid
- Migration
- Sexual and reproductive health and rights
- Public policy and international law

A high-quality international PhD conference

As with previous editions of the DD, we remain committed to providing early-career researchers an opportunity to present their work and receive high quality and constructive feedback. We also plan to invite established academics attending the EADI 2020 conference as DD panel discussants and keynote speakers. The collaboration between the DD17 and the EADI 2020 conference will also enable us to provide a range of benefits for DD participants.

Access to the EADI 2020 conference

All researchers who present at the DD17 will be able to attend EADI 2020 conference panels, plenary sessions, keynote addresses and social events for a highly subsidized fee. The EADI 2020 conference programme will also include masterclasses and workshops specifically aimed at PhD researchers and early-career scholars.

Please note that EADI 2020 conference access for DD17 presenters is as a non-presenting participant. If you are also keen to present a paper at an EADI 2020 panel, you can apply separately through the conference call for papers <<https://www.eadi.org/gc/2020/>>. DD17 presentation panels will be scheduled so that they do not clash with EADI 2020 panels.

Financial Support

We recognize that financial barriers often prevent a diverse pool of participants from attending international conferences. Therefore, we will offer need-based funding to support selected participants. Such funding will be in the form of travel subsidy and accommodation for DD17 presenters.

Guidelines for abstract submission

- Abstracts are invited from PhDs and early-career researchers and practitioners.
- Abstracts must be in English and should conform to the following format:
 - Title: limited to 25 words
 - Full name of author, email, details of institution/affiliation
 - Keywords: Maximum of 5 keywords
 - Body: A 1000 word extended abstract explaining the paper's substance including background, purpose, methodology, results, conclusion, etc. and clearly showing how it contributes to the broad conference theme. The title of the abstract, author's name, institutions and keywords are not included in this limit
- Abstracts must be submitted via email to dd17@iss.nl by **15th January 2020**
- Abstracts submitted after this date will not be considered
- All submissions will be acknowledged via email. In case you do not receive an acknowledgement for your submission, please contact us at dd17@iss.nl
- Notification about accepted abstracts will be sent to the author via email by **15th February 2020**

Calendar:

- Deadline for submission of abstracts: **15th January 2020**
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