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Welcome to IDD's 2014-15 Annual Report

IDD's Director highlights staff news, publications and changes to our on-campus and distance learning programmes

A warm welcome to the 2014-15 Annual Report of the International Development Department. Last year was IDD's 50th Anniversary and anniversaries continue with Adrian Campbell and Debra Beard marking 25 years at the University. Many congratulations and thanks to them both. Other staff news to report includes the birth of Jake to Danielle Beswick and her husband David. Jake was born in December 2014 and is keeping Danielle busy.

IDD was delighted to take up Premium Membership of the UK and Ireland Development Studies Association (DSA) to extend its support to the development studies learned society. I've served on the DSA Council since 2010 and became Honorary Secretary in 2013, and IDD is also represented by PhD student Gareth Wall, who has been the student representative on the Council since 2010. More information about the DSA can be found at www.devstud.org.uk.

Book news

IDD staff have been very productive in the last year resulting in many publications, including books. A second edition of Danielle Beswick and Paul Jackson's *Conflict, Security and Development* was published by Routledge at the end of 2014 and several staff have chapters in Paul's 2015 edited collection in *The Elgar Handbook of International Security and Development*. Nick Lemay-Hébert was one of the editors of *The Political Invention of Fragile States: The Power of Ideas*, also published by Routledge, and my book, *Understanding Poverty and the Environment: Analytical frameworks and approaches*, with Routledge came out in March 2015. Caryn Peiffer, DLP Research Fellow, has published with Richard Rose, University of Strathclyde, *Paying Bribes for Public Services: A Global Guide to Grass Roots Corruption*, with Palgrave Macmillan, and Honorary Senior Lecturer, Andrew Nickson has published the *Historical Dictionary of Paraguay* with Rowman & Littlefield.



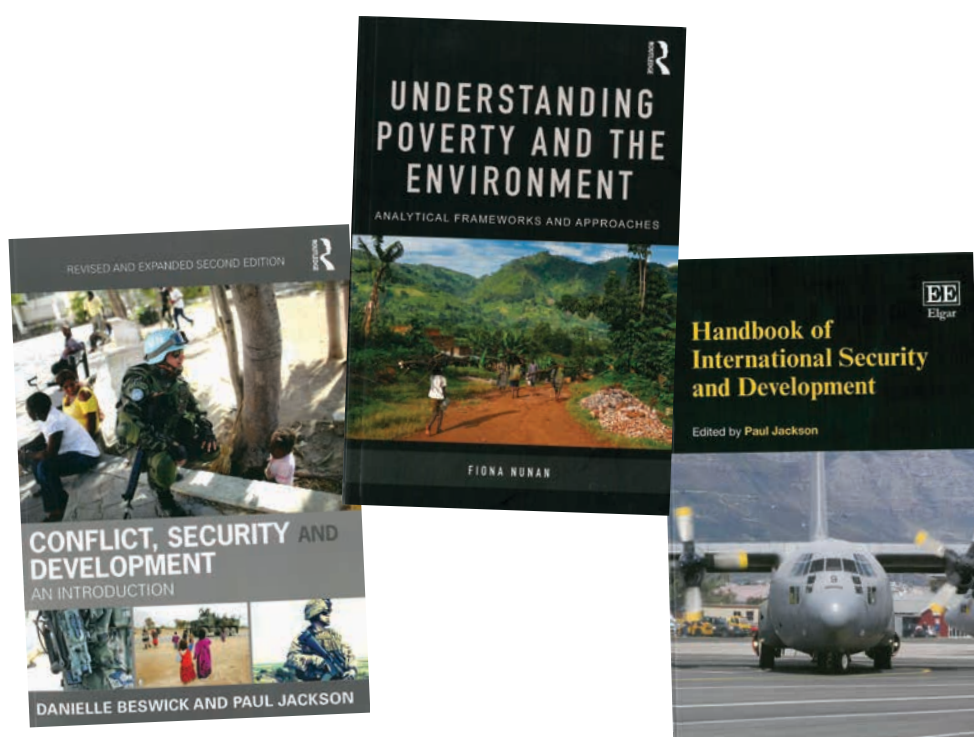
Paul Jackson and Nick Lemay-Hébert are further encouraging others to write books, having taken on the roles of series editor for the following Routledge series: Paul on 'Conflict, Security and Development' and Nick, 'Intervention and State Building', complementing his editorship of the *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*.

Teaching news

Coming into 2015, we'll see the launch of a new pathway within the International Development programme on Environment, Sustainability and Politics. This will be delivered jointly by IDD and the Political Science and International Studies department. Change is underway for the Distance Learning programme with the Masters degree in Public Administration and Development being replaced by the MSc in Development Management from September 2015.

The teaching pages in the report provide further update, including reflections from IDD's first Mo Ibrahim Scholar, Franka Darfour, and a report on IDD's collaboration through Universitas 21 with the Universities of Delhi and Melbourne in the delivery of a week-long module in Delhi on *Traditional and New Security Challenges: South Asia in Global Perspective*.

Dr Fiona Nunan
Director, IDD



Coastal Ecosystem Services in East Africa

Fiona Nunan reports on ongoing research in Kenya and Zanzibar that aims to support livelihoods and conserve coastal ecosystems

There are few coastal-based Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES) schemes in the developing world, yet they have the potential to contribute to localised poverty reduction, coastal protection and conservation and carbon storage. This research is investigating how the number of communities that benefit from PES schemes could be increased, as well as the range of ecosystems and ecosystem services protected. A key concern in seeking to upscale pro-poor coastal PES schemes is the need to identify and understand potential barriers and supporting mechanisms within different levels of governance.

The research is being undertaken in Kenya and Zanzibar, and focuses on mangrove forests and seagrass meadows. The natural science part of the research is investigating carbon storage potential, whilst the social science component is focusing on identifying and analysing the broad governance context of the coastal ecosystems.

This involves two parts: firstly, local researchers are spending time 'shadowing' forestry officers at different levels of government to understand how the departments function and, secondly, focus groups and qualitative interviews are being carried out at a sample of villages to map the governance situation. In both cases, barriers to, and opportunities for, support to the development of PES schemes are being identified. The project is led by Professor Mark Huxham of Edinburgh Napier University, with team members from the Universities of Bangor, Birmingham and Leicester in the UK, working with the Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute and the Institute of Marine Science, University of Dar es Salaam, based in Zanzibar. The project is funded by the UK's Natural Environment and Economic and Social Research Councils and the Government's Department for International Development (DFID) through the Ecosystem Services for Poverty Alleviation programme.



Crossing mangrove channel Kenya
(Photo: Alessandra del Tufo)

IDD's Guest Seminar Series

Broad spectrum of research interests reflected in our research seminar series

The IDD Guest Seminar Series, which runs during the autumn and spring terms, featured some big names in 2014/15. In the autumn term, under the direction of Dr Jonathan Fisher, the speakers included Dr David Roberts (Loughborough University), who presented on local voices in peacebuilding research, Dr Carl Death (University of Manchester) on green states in Africa, and Dr Nadia Molenaers, (University of Antwerp) presenting her research on the effectiveness of budget support suspensions.

In the spring term, responsibility for organising the series passed to Dr Laurence Cooley. Speakers included Dr Gëzim Visoka (Dublin City University) on rethinking peacebuilding interventions, Professor Paul Cammack (City University of Hong Kong) on the World Bank's

attempts to 'programme the poor' for the global market, and two linked seminars on organisational theory facilitated by IDD's Professor Richard Batley. These linked seminars brought two key thinkers in the field to IDD: Professor John Child (Birmingham Business School and Lingnan College, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou) and Professor Royston Greenwood (University of Alberta), who earlier in his career was based in IDD's sister department, INLOGOV.

Podcasts of the majority of 2014/15's Guest Seminars are available on the IDD website, along with recordings from previous years. Keep an eye on the website for future events in the IDD Guest Seminar Series, and for more information please contact Dr Laurence Cooley at l.p.cooley@bham.ac.uk.



Memory and Peace discussions in Colombia

Paul Jackson extends his post-conflict advice from Sierra Leone and Nepal to Colombia

A seminar held by the National Centre for Historical Memory (Centro Nacional de Memoria Histórica (CNMH)), Colombia, entitled *A Post-Conflict Colombia? Institutional transformation and security*, was held in May 2015 in parallel to the current peace talks between the FARC and the Colombian Government in Havana, and addressed the role of armed forces in post-conflict situations. A closed seminar, the discussions surrounded four core questions: (1) the transformation of memories and representations about security; (2) the links between memory, citizenship and security; (3) the challenges of dealing with the past and its realization in memory initiatives such as museums among others; (4) the link between governance and non-repetition.

A joint event between the CNMH and the War College (Escuela Superior de Guerra - ESDEGUE), the seminar involved around eighty senior officers from across a wide range of the Colombian security forces. Paul was one of six

international experts providing resources and participating in discussions surrounding the transition from war to peace during post-conflict and exploring the implications for the military of security sector reform, truth and reconciliation commissions, police reform and human rights activity – all within the framework of an agreed memory of conflict.

The CNMH was created by a Victims and Land Restitution Law and is mandated to contribute to the historical clarification of the over half-century armed conflict and the dignity of Colombian victims. Historical memory is an ally for peace and the CNMH and ESDEGUE created spaces for frank dialogue between the Colombian Armed Forces, the Police and the CNMH on the challenges of dealing with the past and the transition to peace.

These extremely controversial subjects and the issues of 'dealing with the past' are seen as key to the transformation of Colombia into



a peaceful country. This is reinforced by better understanding of the security sector mentality, the uniqueness of the armed forces and the position of police and civilian personnel in Colombia, as well as how other security forces internationally made this transition. Supported by the Swiss Embassy and USAID, these discussions are seen as an important step in addressing the challenges of transition from war to peace through focussing on aspects relating to historical clarification, dignity of the victims, and the lessons institutions and society can learn from revisiting the past.

Armed groups and political inclusion in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

DLP Research Fellow **Suda Perera** undertook research in the eastern DRC on how armed groups' violence could be transformed to facilitate lasting peace

Despite more than a decade of expensive and extensive peacebuilding in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), the troubled eastern regions of North and South Kivu remain plagued by insecurity and underdevelopment, largely attributed to the approximately 50 armed groups operating in the region. Military attempts to curb these armed groups and disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration (DDR) programmes, devised to deal with ex-combatants, have been largely unsuccessful and have not stopped armed groups' violence.

Research carried out by Suda Perera explores the often neglected dynamics behind armed group creation, recruitment and actions in the eastern DRC. It aims to look beyond dominant portrayals of armed groups as mere 'criminal' actors in order to develop a nuanced political

understanding of the armed group phenomenon. By combining fieldwork with crowdsourced data collected from the Kivus, this project attempts to better understand why people create and join armed groups, in order to suggest alternative ways of curbing the violence of armed actors.

The research has revealed that armed groups develop in response to poorly functioning governance mechanisms, a lack of economic opportunities and pervasive insecurity – which must be addressed if armed group violence is to be stopped in the long run. The research also revealed that, while there is a tendency to characterise armed groups and state actors as oppositional, in many cases armed groups act as proxies for, and work in close collaboration with, state actors.



As well as feeding into debates about knowledge production in conflict-affected states, this research has received interest from a number of policy makers. Briefings based on the research have been shared with key actors within the UK government (including the British Ambassador to Kinshasa, the APPG on the African Great Lakes, DFID and the FCO), donor agencies; UN actors, and (I)NGO personnel. The research is supported by funding from the DLP and the British Academy.

Authoritarianism and the securitization of development in Africa

Research by Jonathan Fisher explores the relationship between emerging authoritarianism in Africa and the securitization of aid

The advance – and consolidation – of democratization in states such as Ghana, Benin, Namibia and – to some extent – Nigeria is not the story across the African continent.

A distinct and confident form of authoritarianism has emerged in many African countries over the last decade. It is intimately linked to the securitization of aid and – mainly Western – donor efforts to 'stabilize' Africa. These 'new authoritarians', and their relationship with the international system, are the subject of research by IDD's Dr Jonathan Fisher and Professor David Anderson of the University of Warwick.

This authoritarianism is not a return to the era of military juntas and presidents-for-life. Africa's new authoritarians are neither professional military men nor civilian leaders but somewhere in-between. Former rebel leaders and cadres

or state security insiders now govern Uganda, Rwanda, Angola, Zimbabwe, Burundi, Ethiopia, Chad, Mozambique and a number of other states. Aspects of new African authoritarianism can also be seen in Kenya, Mali, Togo and Nigeria. These governments balance genuine popular support (in most cases) with personalized control over myriad security forces, building formidable security apparatuses – with donor support – to neutralize enemies abroad, and at home. Opposition parties, media houses and courtrooms are tolerated, competitive elections are held – but always with a sword of Damocles hovering above them. The trappings of constitutional order and rule of law can be arbitrarily rescinded at any time – while also used to legitimize continued tenure domestically and internationally.

Fisher and Anderson's research explores these issues with a particular focus on how they interact with, are sustained by and sustain the securitization of African states' relationships with the outside world. The US, EU, UK and France are key players as funders of defence budgets and peacekeeping operations as are, increasingly, non-Western actors such as China. Of central importance here is the observation that this securitization of development is not simply an external agenda forced upon African polities but – often – one promoted and championed by African governments themselves as part of an authoritarian state-building strategy.

Initial findings from this research were published in an article in *International Affairs* in January 2015 while a monograph is due for release in 2016.



Voter registration in Uganda
Image courtesy of:
Albert Gonzalez Farran

Post-Graduate Research 2014–15

News from our post-graduate researchers

It was another good year for IDD's post graduate research programme. In total we currently have 24 students registered with the Department, working on diverse projects including peacebuilding and NGO activity in Bosnia to Christian Evangelical conversion in Ukraine. Our regular seminar programme has included presentations and discussions on how to keep a fieldwork diary as well as on the latest developments in organisational theory and its potential application to development analysis.

Many congratulations are also given to two students who successfully completed their doctorate this year. They are:

- **Vaughn Graham:** The ownership of official development assistance in the security and justice sector in Jamaica 2005–2013
- **Alexander Kalgin:** Implementation of performance management in regional government in Russia

Visiting Scholarship, CLAGS/CUNY

One of the highlights of the year was Ellie Gore's visit to New York on a visiting scholarship, supported through her ESRC grant. As Ellie herself explains, 'In February 2015, I began a Visiting Scholarship at the Center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Studies (CLAGS), at the City University New York. CLAGS was founded in 1991 and is the first university-based research centre in the US dedicated to the study of LGBTQ. CLAGS is known for pioneering cutting-edge, transdisciplinary scholarship in the area of LGBTQ studies.'

'The visiting scholarship lasted three months, during which time I helped support a number of CLAGS-run programmes and conferences, participated in CLAGS board meetings and organised a panel event relating to my research. Alongside this, I continued to work on my thesis. At this critical point in my studies, it was a privilege to be working at CLAGS in an environment where I could discuss ideas with fellow scholars and activists working within the same field. In particular, it gave me the opportunity to meet and interact with

faculty members, to share early findings from my own research, and to build networks and research links for the future. Before I left New York, I organised a panel event entitled 'Beyond the lens of 'African homophobia': Queer sexualities in contemporary Africa' at CUNY's Graduate Center. The panel comprised two other scholars working on queer studies in sub-Saharan Africa and was facilitated by a doctoral researcher from Columbia University. The panel was well attended and produced a number of rich and thought-provoking discussions. Based on my time at CUNY, I would thoroughly recommend the visiting scholar experience to other PhD students'.

We look forward to fostering more of these visiting fellowships in the future and to the new applicants who will arrive in October.



IDD PhD student wins prize in University Poster Conference

Congratulations to IDD PhD student, Louis Francis Monroy, who won first prize in the Graduate School's Research Poster Conference in the College of Social Science category

Louis Francis Monroy is congratulated for being awarded the first prize for the College of Social Sciences in the 2015 Graduate School's Annual Research Poster Conference. The purpose of the conference is to encourage students to synthesize their ideas and findings through a poster and explain the poster to non-specialist audiences. His entry was entitled 'De-constructing reconciliation: looking critically at peace-building practice in Bosnia-Herzegovina' and summarized his views on liberal peace-building and its negative effects on post-conflict issues of truth, justice and reconciliation in the Western Balkans.



The Developmental Leadership Program



The Developmental Leadership Program explores how leadership, power and political processes drive or block development. DLP's growing research team continues to increase its engagement with policy and practice.

This is DLP's second year based in IDD, working alongside partners at University College London, and La Trobe University in Australia. Its international partnership has expanded: new Research Fellows Tait Brimacombe and Gillian Fletcher joined Senior Research Partner Chris Roche at La Trobe, and Alina Rocha Menocal

has joined IDD as a Senior Research Fellow, on secondment from ODI. Alina leads DLP's 'Political Settlements and the Politics of Inclusion' workstream until March 2016. Two new series of DLP publications were launched this year. Concept Briefs are concise introductions to key concepts used in analysing

the politics of governance; five published so far deal with diverse concepts including political settlements, legitimacy, fragility and the links between gender and power. Methods and Methodology notes share research insights.

EXAMPLES OF DLP RESEARCH

Action Research

A two-year action research/learning project is underway alongside donor-supported programmes in Lebanon and Jordan. This project aims to build empirical evidence about how service delivery – particularly municipal services and education – might contribute to state legitimacy and social stability. The focus is local, on communities hosting Syrian refugee populations in both countries. The goal is a deeper understanding of what this might imply for political settlements, policy approaches and programme design in areas where there are protracted population movements. The research is led by Alina Rocha Menocal, alongside Suda Perera, Claire McLoughlin and Caryn Peiffer.



Alina Rocha Menocal

Corruption and Collective Action

The view that corruption is largely a collective action problem is being examined by DLP researchers in collaboration with the U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre. Findings so far, however, suggest that this approach and principal-agent theory are only part of the story. We also need to be more clear-sighted about the attitudes of people living in communities where corruption is seen as the norm – many may, for instance, see it as a valid way of getting things done. Without this deeper understanding, corruption cannot be successfully addressed. A first report by Heather Marquette and Caryn Peiffer has been published. A second, on the implications for anti-corruption programming and practice by Liz Hart and Nils Taxell (U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre/CMI), is due later in 2015. The team will follow these with case studies of the approach in practice.

See dlprog.org/research/corruption-and-collective-action.php



Attitudes to Poverty

Understanding context-specific attitudes to poverty helps policymakers and donors assess the feasibility of programmes and increase buy-in from both supporters and potential opponents. This project examined attitudes to poverty among Malawi's elites and India's middle class. One significant finding is that both groups tend to see direct redistribution as unfair and as encouraging dependence; instead they are more likely to favour programmes that support wider access to education, or that help those they perceive as the 'active' poor. Researchers: Chipiliro Kalebe-Nyamongo, Heather Marquette, and Niheer Dasandi. See www.dlprog.org/research/elite-attitudes-to-poverty.php



The Politics of Inequality: DLP Annual Conference 2015

Inequality was the theme of DLP's second annual conference, held at the University of Birmingham in February 2015. The aim was to redress the balance in the current debate. Wealth and income draw most of the attention. Other inequalities, and the political processes that create or maintain inequalities, tend to be overlooked.

Leading researchers and practitioners joined the DLP team for a day of presentations and discussions at the University of Birmingham that considered the politics of inequality – and the inequality of politics. Keynote speaker Professor Frances Stewart highlighted the lack of focus among policymakers and statisticians on inequalities among groups, and discussed options for policymakers as they seek to eliminate these inequalities while also limiting inequality among individuals.

In the final session, a core message from the eminent roundtable panel was that politics fuels inequality, not lack of funds or technical knowledge. More pragmatic approaches could

focus on persuading local politicians that, say, a good water supply will translate into votes, and on showing communities how to translate votes into better governance. Many panellists highlighted the importance of gender – a structural inequality we all experience. See videos and other resources from the conference at dlprog.org/events.

Engaging with policy and practice

At the heart of all DLP's work is the aim to deliver high quality, ground-breaking research that is problem-driven and policy relevant. In the past year DLP has continued to support an emerging community of practice around 'thinking and working politically' in development. This group, made up of senior policymakers, practitioners and analysts, has joined the growing number of voices arguing for fundamental change to development programming and assistance. DLP's researchers are continuing to build a body of evidence that helps support the work of this group and other practitioners in the field.

In June 2015 DLP hosted a day-long workshop on political settlements. Increasingly we understand that development is not so much

about what needs to be done as how it is done, and this has led to keen interest in the concept of political settlements. They are seen by many in the field as a key component in the processes that can support change or block it, offering an approach that could improve our understanding of the politics and institutional dynamics of a given context.

The workshop, led by Alina Rocha Menocal, brought together researchers, policymakers and practitioners and to examine the research and theory behind the concept. Participants explored what a political settlements approach to development programming looks like in action, taking into account perspective such as gender, inclusion and 'thinking and working politically'.

DLP has been discussing research findings with a wide range of policymakers and practitioners this year. In May, for example, Heather Marquette, Alina Rocha Menocal and Claire McLoughlin gave presentations to two OECD INCAF Task Teams at discussions of the Peacebuilding and Statebuilding Goals on legitimate politics and on revenues and services. Staff members have also presented at, among others, the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, DFID, the International Development Committee at Westminster, Danida, USAID and the World Bank. We look forward to engaging further with Asia-Pacific audiences next year at a DLP conference hosted by La Trobe University in Melbourne.

DLP's independent program of research is supported by the Australian Government. To hear more from DLP, sign up for the newsletter at dlprog.org.



The University of Birmingham's Bramall Music Building, the conference venue.



Roundtable panel, left to right: Samuel Hickey (Professor of Politics and Development and Joint Director of Research, ESID, University of Manchester); Ricardo Fuentes-Nieva (Head of Research, Oxfam GB); Carole Rakodi (Emeritus Professor, IDD); Chair Chris Roche (Director, Institute for Human Security and Social Change, La Trobe University); Paul Healey (Head of Profession, Social Development, DFID); and Mariz Tadros (Research Fellow, IDS).



Professor Frances Stewart speaks on 'Inequality, Justice and Policy'.

The GSDRC expands its range of knowledge services



The GSDRC's range of applied knowledge services expands to include multimedia professional development resources

The Governance and Social Development Resource Centre (GSDRC) welcomed more than 100 participants to a seminar in London in March 2015 marking the launch of a new series of professional development resources. GSDRC's new Professional Development Reading Packs provide thought-provoking introductions to emerging issues and debates in governance, social development, conflict and humanitarian topics by international experts. More than 20 reading packs have been produced so far, accompanied by video presentations by the authors. In the coming year the GSDRC will be publishing many more reading packs as well as organising webinars and developing self-study e-learning courses.

Flexible, on-demand research services

The research helpdesk service produced more than 100 research reports this year for the UK and Australian governments and the European Commission. Among the varied topics covered were the impact of Ebola, the radicalisation of diaspora communities, and the links between women's empowerment and violent conflict. Helpdesk reports provide a rapid-response synthesis of the best quality literature and international experience, incorporating expert comments from academics and practitioners, and are used by clients to directly inform development policy and practical decisions.

Other reviews produced this year include a comprehensive report by Evie Browne on Social Protection, Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction, and a new country-level conflict analysis of Iraq, which adds to a series that now covers ten countries. An influential research project on political settlements by Siân Herbert was presented at high-profile meetings of international agencies and led to collaboration with the DLP team and a paper by Alina Rocha Menocal, *Inclusive political settlements: evidence, gaps, and challenges of institutional transformation*.

New Topic Guides

GSDRC topic guides provide clear, concise and objective overviews of current knowledge on critical areas of development policy and practice.



They summarise key debates and evidence to support informed decision-making. Ten new topic guides were published this year, including:

- **Gender and Conflict:** What do we know about the role of gender inequality in contributing to violence and conflict, and about the effects of violence and conflict on gender relations?
- **Inclusive Growth:** Rapid economic growth in developing countries has helped reduce absolute poverty, but how can growth meet the needs of the poor more effectively?
- **Sequencing Reforms in Fragile States:** How can fragile and conflict-affected states plan and manage reforms when everything is urgent and capacity and resources are limited? Voice, Empowerment and
- **Voice, Empowerment and Accountability:** How can poor and marginalised people exercise greater control over their own development and hold decision-makers to account?

New website

The large amount of content now available on gsdrc.org – 540 research reports, 30 topic guides, 5300 documents in our online library, and more – has outgrown the structure of the old website. We launched a new website this summer to help users find relevant content more easily, and to accommodate the increasing range of knowledge services being developed. The new site makes it easier for users to search content and browse by theme, and to view gsdrc.org on handheld devices.

Contributions to Guardian discussion on fragile states

In November, GSDRC researcher Siân Herbert and fellow IDD research fellow Suda Perera were among the expert panellists for a live online Q&A on approaches to development in conflict-affected states on The Guardian website: 'After aid, how can development work in unstable states?'

New research fellows

Dr Elisa Lopez Lucia joined the team from the University of Warwick, where she was researching the regionalisation of security in Africa and Latin America. Elisa previously worked at the French Ministry of Defence and the EU's Directorate-General for External Relations (now the European External Action Service). Elisa has already been involved in several major GSDRC studies on security and governance in West Africa.



Dr William Avis joined the GSDRC from the Overseas Development Institute. He spent four years with ODI in various research roles, most recently with the growth, poverty and inequality team. His research interests include identity and conflict, globalisation and political voice. Recent publications include *The data revolution: finding the missing millions*, and *Towards a better life? A cautionary tale of progress in Ahmedabad*.



(left) Sequencing reforms in fragile states: Afghan students go back to school in Kabul, 2006 (UN Photo/Eskinder Debebe)

(below) Inclusive growth: woman works in a shop, Ghana (World Bank/Arne Hoel)

About the GSDRC

The Governance and Social Development Resource Centre (GSDRC) has expanded its scope in response to increasing demand, and now provides applied knowledge services in relation to four core themes: governance, social development, humanitarian response and conflict.

The GSDRC's research team supports international development agencies by synthesising the latest evidence and expert thinking to inform policy and practice. Its main clients are the UK Department for International Development, the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and the European Commission's Instrument Contributing to Stability and Peace.

The GSDRC is a collaborative initiative: six researchers are based at IDD, three at the Institute of Development Studies, and one at the University of Manchester's Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute. Colleagues at ODI are involved in producing topic guides. GSDRC researchers provide rapid-response research and in-depth analysis on varied topics, from crisis management in Africa to the rule of law in Pakistan and women's networks in the Middle East.

Stay up to date with GSDRC resources: visit gsdrc.org to sign up for the monthly bulletin or follow on Twitter or Facebook.



New developments in IDD's teaching portfolio from September 2015

On campus – New MSc pathway

IDD is delighted to announce a new campus-based pathway of the MSc International Development in Environment, Sustainability and Politics, delivered in conjunction with the Political Science and International Studies department. The programme has three core modules and a wide choice of optional modules from both departments.

The core modules are:

- Critical Approaches to Development
- Global Environmental Governance
- Transforming Development for Sustainability

The programme will introduce students to development theory and practice, international environmental governance regimes and the challenges of moving towards sustainable development within developing countries.

Distance Learning – new programme

The MSc Development Management starts in September 2015. It includes three new modules: Development Management (core), Public Sector Reform and Development, and Public Management and Leadership. There is a wide choice of modules from across the distance learning programme for students to choose from.

On campus – pre-Masters programme

The School of Government and Society and the Birmingham Foundation Academy has started a one-year pre-Masters programme in International Development and International Relations. IDD is running one of the core modules - Development Theory and Practice. The programme is designed to bridge the gap between students' current qualification and the Postgraduate programmes at Birmingham

Postgraduate Programmes

MSc International Development

Pathways in:

Poverty, Inequality & Development
Conflict, Security & Development
Environment, Sustainability and Politics
Intl Political Economy & Development
Governance, State-building & Development
Urban Development

MSc Development Management

Pathways in:

Public Economic Management & Finance
Aid Management
Human Resources & Development
Management

Master in Public Administration

MSc International Development

by distance learning

Pathways in:

Poverty, Inequality and Development
Conflict, Security and Development

MSc Development Management

by distance learning

Joint programmes

MEd/MA Education and Development
MA Africa and Development

Joint Masters Module in Delhi for IDD students

The class of 2015

In February 2015, eight students from the School of Government and Society travelled to the University of Delhi, India, to take part in a week-long intensive Masters module on Traditional and New Security Challenges: South Asia in Global Perspective. The module – now in its fourth year – is a joint, collaborative effort between the Universities of Birmingham, Delhi and Melbourne (under the Universitas 21 scheme) and represents a unique opportunity for students from across the globe to engage, learn and share ideas on a subject which is understood in so many ways: security.

Seminars and lectures were delivered by scholars from all three institutions. The module also placed a strong focus on providing students with a wider understanding of Indian approaches to security, as well as to Indian history and culture itself. These included a visit to Delhi's renowned Observer Research Foundation. The trip also included a tour of key historical sites in Delhi as well as a visit to the Taj Mahal in Agra and to the British Council, where Birmingham students shared

(below) Delhi (by Ville Miettinen, Flickr)



their ideas on UK-India engagement with the architects of the Generation UK-India scheme.

One of the key emphases of the module was on shared learning between students from all three institutions. To this end, seminars were strongly participatory and students worked in groups to present on security challenges in a range of South Asian states at the end of the module. Students from all the universities found this opportunity particularly rewarding – being able to hear and discuss quite different perspectives on the same issues as well as to develop friendships which cross continents and outlive the module. The module will run again, in its fifth iteration, in February 2016.



Mo Ibrahim Foundation Scholarship 2012–2016

IDD offers a two-year full scholarship from the Mo Ibrahim Foundation to one student each year

Mo Ibrahim Foundation Scholarship

Scholarship holders take the MSc in Governance and State-building, followed by a six-month internship with the Mo Ibrahim Foundation in London and a six-month internship at IDD. Applicants must have the equivalent of a first class UK Bachelors degree and be African nationals domiciled (or permanent residents) in an African country.



'As an aspiring academic it is exciting to be called a 'scholar'. For me, being the first recipient of the prestigious Mo Ibrahim Foundation (MIF) scholarship at the University of Birmingham was thrilling and humbling even today. For aside from the uniqueness of the degree in itself and its relevance to Africa's development issues, the scholarship comes with a double-six-month internship with MIF and the GSDRC. For a young Ghanaian graduate, this was the dream. My internship at the GSDRC introduced me to expert writing as I was given the opportunity to work on research targeted at clientele like the EU, DFID, the World Bank, UNDP. My time as an intern with MIF's dynamic research team helped me find a balance between my theoretical knowledge and understandings of governance in Africa and the Foundation's comprehensive quantitative data and analysis on the subject.

The totality of the experience and invaluable skills accrued from the internships, coupled with the knowledge gained from the MSc degree helped me strengthen my analytical skills, broaden my academic perspectives and develop my research potential. I am a 'Primus inter Pares' as a Mo Ibrahim Scholar, and I feel the sky is just the springboard for me.

I am currently a Political Analyst at Penplusbytes in Ghana and working vigorously on PhD applications.'

Francisca Darfour, IDD first Mo Ibrahim scholar 2013-15

IDD Students gain experience through conflict simulation

In March 2015, IDD, in collaboration with Responding to Conflict – a Birmingham-based NGO working on conflict resolution – ran a full day conflict simulation for the students of the module Conflict, Humanitarian Aid and Social Reconstruction. Using the ongoing conflict in Syria as an inspiration for a fictional case study, the students had to represent different actors (military forces, current government, opposition) in a situation where identity and culture are contested. One of the participants summarized the day as follows: 'The day was truly a rewarding (albeit stressful!) experience and served as an invaluable part of the CHASR module. The practical side of working through the conflict simulation really enabled me to put the conflict analysis tools into context and to show that no situation is ever quite as straightforward as it may seem.'

For a full report see: www.respond.org/news.php/82/chasr_a_students_insight



(right) Homs, Syria, in 2014 (Xinhua/Pan Chaoyue)

Reflections from distance learning alumni



'Distance learning with the University of Birmingham is a great and valuable experience. I have benefited from quality higher education through interactions with qualified tutors, understanding course administrators, students from various parts of the world and current online study material. Indeed, being part of this program has enabled me learn from others, share my experiences and contributed to my growth both academically and professionally thus making me better at what I do in the field of International development'

Salome Mullei, MSc. in International Development (Conflict, Security and Development)

'When I first decided to go to graduate school to study for a Masters in International Development, I researched programs around the world. Most of the programs that I was interested in, however, would have required me to leave the field and study full-time. I was not at a point in my career when I felt comfortable doing so, and was therefore so excited to find the University of Birmingham to have such a flexible distance learning program. The content of the program is directly applicable to my work in the field, and the flexibility of the program allows me to continue that work in the midst of my studies. As such, this program creates a unique and comprehensive learning experience.'

Elizabeth Bailey MSc International Development



An internet café in Kampala (Arne Hoel / World Bank)

'I was looking for a Masters programme that could help me in developing my practical skills. The MSc in International Development with a specialized pathway in Conflict, Security and Development was exactly what I had in my plan. I think my degree with the University of Birmingham, combined with my work experience at the British Council as a projects coordinator, could really help my country Lebanon in overcoming our social challenges and to move one step closer toward sustained development and social cohesion. As a distance learning student, I can choose when to take my courses based on my work travel plans. Moreover, IDD has a free account on Devex.com for students; it just shows that IDD really does care about generating successful graduates and to secure their fair chance in the job market. I want to thank the University of Birmingham for accepting me as one of its Distance Learning students. It is a mind opening experience'.

Ayham Kazoun, Projects Assistant, British Council, Lebanon



'As a mature student, returning to academic study after a long break, there were the inevitable nerves about how I would cope. However, the reassurances and efforts of the support and administration staff, coupled with clear documentary guidance, made the transition easier than expected. In terms of content, I found the programme of study almost addictive, eager to extend my knowledge with each new module. It is true that what you get out of it is directly related to what you put in. The module choices were sufficiently varied to offer core and peripheral subjects, relevant to my preferred study path. This enabled me not only to apply theory to practice, but also to critically challenge my working environment. The delivery mode had to respond to my being in different parts of the world throughout my programme, so the online delivery and the arrival of the occasional courier parcel was most welcome! Working life and family crisis can give rise to unexpected pressure periods and balancing these with Masters level study, is always going to be a challenge. However, the flexibility to take a 'break' now and again was greatly appreciated, and ultimately contributed to a greater level of enjoyment. This has been simultaneously one of the most challenging and yet one of the most rewarding experiences of my life.'

Paula Norris MSc International Development (Distance Learning)



Staff

Academic staff and experience

IDD has 50 years' experience of teaching, research and consultancy in international development, governance and public sector management. Staff members have worked extensively in developing and transitional nations across the world.

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Dr Eleanor Chowns MProf, PhD Birmingham – Interests in public service delivery, collective action, aid policy & practice, NGOs, and evaluation.

Dr David Cobley PhD Birmingham – Interests in social development, particularly in relation to disability, and research methodology.

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