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Latest news

[Blog: Politics shape services; and services shape politics \(http://iddbirmingham.wordpress.com/2014/06/24/politics-shape-services-and-services-shape-politics/\)](http://iddbirmingham.wordpress.com/2014/06/24/politics-shape-services-and-services-shape-politics/)



Written by Professor Richard Batley. In governance circles, service delivery is often discussed as if it raised common issues across service sectors as diverse as health, education, water and sanitation. Yet within sectors, debates about governance issues are quite distinct.

Wednesday 25th June 2014

[Podcast: Challenges to emerging and established powers: Brazil and the United Kingdom in the contemporary global order \(/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2014/06/brazil-united-kingdom-contemporary-global-order.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2014/06/brazil-united-kingdom-contemporary-global-order.aspx)



This workshop organised by Dr Marco Vieira and Dr Jonathan Grix (30-31 May 2014) and hosted by the University of Birmingham aimed to critically examine the prospects of either cooperation or competition between Brazil and the United Kingdom in several dimensions of contemporary global order.

Friday 20th June 2014

[IDD recruiting Teaching Fellow \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/06/recruiting-teaching-fellow.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/06/recruiting-teaching-fellow.aspx)



Applications are invited for a ten-month position of Teaching Fellow with the International Development Department.

Wednesday 11th June 2014

[DLP consolidates its partnership with La Trobe University \(http://dlprog.org/news/dlp-consolidates-its-partnership-with-la-trobe-university.php\)](http://dlprog.org/news/dlp-consolidates-its-partnership-with-la-trobe-university.php)



DLP consolidates its partnership with La Trobe University, Australia, this week. On 13 June, DLP's directors, Dr Heather Marquette and Dr David Hudson, will meet with members of La Trobe's Institute for Human Security and Social Change to share research findings and plan future collaboration.

Wednesday 11th June 2014

[The Conversation: NATO must take responsibility for spiralling violence in Libya \(http://theconversation.com/nato-must-take-responsibility-for-spiralling-violence-in-libya-27050\)](http://theconversation.com/nato-must-take-responsibility-for-spiralling-violence-in-libya-27050)



Written by Professor Paul Jackson. Libya has drifted out of our news recently, swamped and obscured by other conflicts. But the repercussions of the NATO intervention, and the subsequent failure of any credible central government to control the powerful militias, have led to a series of increasingly serious incidents.

Wednesday 28th May 2014

[The Conversation: Meriam Ibrahim death sentence: West needs to give Sudan a bit of face time \(http://theconversation.com/meriam-ibrahim-death-sentence-west-needs-to-give-sudan-a-bit-of-face-time-27005\)](http://theconversation.com/meriam-ibrahim-death-sentence-west-needs-to-give-sudan-a-bit-of-face-time-27005)



Written by Dr Jonathan Fisher. The case of Meriam Ibrahim, a pregnant woman sentenced to death for apostasy by a Khartoum court, has rightly refocused international attention on the dire state of human rights in Sudan.

Friday 23rd May 2014

[IDD 50 faces #10 - Professor Ken Davey, OBE \(1969-2000\) \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/50-anniversary/profiles/ken-davey.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/50-anniversary/profiles/ken-davey.aspx)



I never dreamt that I would be involved in major reforms in countries as diverse as Indonesia, Slovakia and Ukraine. My time at Birmingham has been rich in opportunity and experience and rich in the friendship of likeminded colleagues both here and abroad.

Monday 12th May 2014

[IDD 50 faces #11 - Dr Rosamund Thomas \(1970-71\) \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/50-anniversary/profiles/rosamund-thomas.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/50-anniversary/profiles/rosamund-thomas.aspx)



Perhaps it was unusual but nevertheless at Birmingham University, in my time, I cross-read between several disciplines. At INLOGOV, my Master's degree (1970-71) permitted me to study not only UK central and local government, but also administration in developing countries. In addition, I read aspects of social policy and social administration in another department.

IDD Guest Seminar Series 2013-14 (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/events/guest-seminar-series/2013-14/index.aspx>)



The International Development Department hosts a number of seminars throughout the autumn term which focuses on a number of different topics. The seminars are open to everyone. Listen to the latest podcasts from our recent events.

Tuesday 29th April 2014

DLP to present at UNDP/KPMG conference 'Leadership and the Challenge of Change' (<http://www.dlprog.org/news-events/dlp-to-present-at-undp-kpmg-conference-leadership-and-the-challenge-of-change-.php>)



DLP will give a major presentation of its findings at UNDP/KPMG's 2014 International Development Conference in Singapore on 30 April 2014.

Thursday 17th April 2014

IDD 50 faces #09 - Ashok Kumar Jain (1990) (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/50-anniversary/profiles/ashok-kumar-jain.aspx>)



My time at the IDD (1990) had been most enriching. I especially enjoyed learning how to organize thoughts, lateral thinking, information, time and resource management, converting ideas and academics into practice and gender sensitive development with the people especially the poor.

Tuesday 15th April 2014

IDD PGR podcast: The Ownership of Official Development Assistance in Jamaica 2005-2013 ([/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/04/ownership-security-justice-sector-jamaica.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/04/ownership-security-justice-sector-jamaica.aspx))



Speaker: Vaughn Graham (PhD researcher, University of Birmingham). The Ownership of Official Development Assistance in the Security and Justice Sector in Jamaica 2005-2013: How the Nature of Sectoral Policymaking Reflects and Challenges International Aid Policy.

Monday 14th April 2014

Remembering Rwanda: can we ever say 'never again'? (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/thebirminghambrief/items/2014/04/remembering-rwanda-can-we-ever-say-never-again.aspx>)



This week marked the 20th anniversary of the Rwandan genocide. More than 800,000 Rwandans, mostly from the minority ethnic Tutsi group, were killed by their Hutu neighbours while the UN force in the country and Western powers looked on.

Thursday 10th April 2014

IDD 50 faces #08 - Matthew Craig (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/50-anniversary/profiles/matt-craig.aspx>)



I joined IDD in 2009 to complete an MSc in 'International Development, Conflict & Security' under the guidance of Paul Jackson, Danielle Beswick and Heather Marquette. Prior to the MSc, and on the advice of Paul Jackson, I had taken up a 12 month post with a Liberian NGO, in a Project Development role, with a focus on rehabilitating and repatriating Liberian child soldiers from the Buduburum Refugee Camp in Ghana.

Thursday 10th April 2014

IDD 50 faces #07 - Lenni Montiel (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/50-anniversary/profiles/lenni-montiel.aspx>)



Studying and living at the University of Birmingham has been for me one of the more rewarding experiences in my life. I got a PhD in Public Policy that allowed me to move forward in my career in international development. I was privileged to join the Department when it was still the Development Administration Group (DAG) and was able to see and experience its day to day transformation into the International Development Department (IDD)

Thursday 10th April 2014

Prestigious research programme makes its home at IDD ([/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/04/prestigious-research-programme-makes-home-at-idd.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/04/prestigious-research-programme-makes-home-at-idd.aspx))



A prestigious international research initiative, the Developmental Leadership Program, is to make its home at IDD with funding in place to continue its work for the next three years.

Wednesday 9th April 2014

New article: When does service delivery improve the legitimacy of a fragile state? ([/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/04/when-does-service-delivery-improve-legitimacy-fragile-state.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/04/when-does-service-delivery-improve-legitimacy-fragile-state.aspx))



Claire McLoughlin's new article in Governance takes stock of the theory and evidence on the relationship between service delivery and state legitimacy in

fragile and conflict-affected states, challenging received wisdom.

Wednesday 9th April 2014

[IDD 50 faces #06 - David Cobley \(2006-\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/50-anniversary/profiles/david-cobley.aspx) (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/50-anniversary/profiles/david-cobley.aspx>)



I joined IDD in 2006 as a part-time Masters students on the Poverty Reduction & Development Management programme. The two years passed by so quickly that I was disappointed when it all came to an end. Since then, however, I have managed to avoid leaving the Department by adopting various guises, including Teaching Assistant, PhD student, Visiting Lecturer and now Teaching Fellow.

Wednesday 9th April 2014

[IDD 50 faces #05 - Hussein A. Salad](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/50-anniversary/profiles/hussein-ali.aspx) (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/50-anniversary/profiles/hussein-ali.aspx>)



When I first joined the University of Birmingham I came from field work in the humanitarian sector and not so much from an academic background, therefore learning, books, doing assignments and participating in actual academic work scared me a lot.

Wednesday 9th April 2014

[IDD 50 faces #04 - Ahmed Moghazy Ibrahim \(2009-10\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/50-anniversary/profiles/ahmed-moghazy-imrahim.aspx) (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/50-anniversary/profiles/ahmed-moghazy-imrahim.aspx>)



I joined IDD in 2009 for a MSc in Governance & Development Management. Simply, I would describe the time that I spent there as the unforgettable best time ever I had. My eyes were opened to new things, I met amazing people from all over the world and I was well-equipped to the market. I got a job only one month after my graduation ceremony.

Tuesday 8th April 2014

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