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Latest news

[IDD 50 faces #03 - Maureen Achieng \(1993-94\) \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/50-anniversary/profiles/maureen-achieng.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/50-anniversary/profiles/maureen-achieng.aspx)



I was always passionate about development studies, which is why I ended up at the IDD in 1993. Promptly upon graduation (1994), I was fortunate to land a job as a United Nations Volunteer in Haiti, seconded to the International Organization for Migration, to work on a countrywide community development programme. It was an experience I treasure to this day.

Monday 7th April 2014

[IDD 50 faces #02 - Professor Mohit Bhattacharya \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/50-anniversary/profiles/mohit-bhattacharya.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/50-anniversary/profiles/mohit-bhattacharya.aspx)



Professor Mohit Bhattacharya who was the first graduate of IDD/INLOGOV. Until recently he was Vice Chancellor of Burdwan University in West Bengal and National Fellow of the Indian Council of Social Science Research. He remains an active writer in public administration and governance.

Friday 4th April 2014

[IDD Distance Learning Scholarships available 2014 \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/04/dl-scholarship.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/04/dl-scholarship.aspx)



The Commonwealth Scholarship Commission has awarded the IDD MSc in International Development (Conflict, Security and Development) DL up to five (full-fee) scholarships for 2014.

Friday 4th April 2014

[The Conversation: 20 years on, Rwanda exhausts its 'genocide credit' with donors \(http://theconversation.com/20-years-on-rwanda-exhausts-its-genocide-credit-with-donors-25112\)](http://theconversation.com/20-years-on-rwanda-exhausts-its-genocide-credit-with-donors-25112)



Written by Dr Danielle Beswick. On 7 April 2014, Rwanda commemorates the 20th anniversary of the genocide against the Tutsi. The events of 1994 continue to cast a long shadow over both Rwanda and the international community. As the world remembers along with Rwanda, it is important to reflect not only on the lessons and legacies of the genocide itself, but also the role of Western donors in supporting Rwanda's transition to a peaceful and more prosperous future.

Friday 4th April 2014

[IDD 50 faces #01 - Professor Richard Batley \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/50-anniversary/profiles/richard-batley.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/50-anniversary/profiles/richard-batley.aspx)



I joined IDD in November 1978, at roughly the same time as Nick Devas and Andrew Nickson. This was a time of expansion of IDD (then the Development Administration Group – DAG), backed by a 'development fund' that Ken Davey had won from the University of Birmingham. I am forever grateful that Ken who was then the director of DAG took time out to visit me at the University of Sussex and encouraged me to apply.

Thursday 3rd April 2014

[Blog: Public service motivation: Love or money? \(http://iddbirmingham.wordpress.com/2014/03/14/public-service-motivation-love-or-money/\)](http://iddbirmingham.wordpress.com/2014/03/14/public-service-motivation-love-or-money/)



Written by Sumedh Rao, Research Fellow in the GSDRC, working on governance in situations of conflict and fragility, statebuilding and state fragility, political economy analysis, aid architecture, anti-corruption reforms, and civil service reform.

Monday 17th March 2014

[IDD Guest seminar podcast: The Power In-Between: Youth's Subaltern Agency and the Post-Conflict Everyday \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/03/youth-subaltern-agency-post-conflict.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/03/youth-subaltern-agency-post-conflict.aspx)



Speaker: Dr Sukaynya Podder, Department of Management and Security, Cranfield University.

Thursday 13th March 2014

[Win:Win network: empowering women in leadership - 26 March 2014 \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/events/2014/winwin-network.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/events/2014/winwin-network.aspx)



We are delighted to announce that Norma Jarboe OBE, Director of Women Count and author of a recent report on gender and leadership in higher education will be joining us on 26 March 2014 to discuss her work and the potential benefits for colleagues. The Win:Win network offers a space primarily for academic women at the University of Birmingham to come together, share experiences, develop reciprocal support and facilitate action on issues of gender, diversity, employment, career development and leadership.

[Cooperation in the Contemporary World: University of Birmingham unveils latest MOOC \(/schools/government-society/news/school-wide/2014/03/cooperation-contemporary-world-mooc.aspx\)](#)



Experts from the the School of Government and Society including the International Development Department, Department of Political Science and International Studies and the Institute for Conflict, Cooperation and Security at the University of Birmingham have introduced a free, open online course today offering a taste of higher education to learners worldwide. Registration is now live for this online course which is scheduled to start in May 2014.

Monday 10th March 2014

[IRiS Podcast: Conviviality, Encounter, Diversity, Migration: But Where Did Race Go? \(/schools/government-society/news/school-wide/2014/03/conviviality-encounter-diversity-migration.aspx\)](#)



Speaker: Sarah Neal, University of Surrey. Migration, Citizenship and Diversity: Questioning the Boundaries Seminar Series.

Friday 7th March 2014

[IDD Guest seminar podcast: The Risks of African Military Capacity Building: Lessons From Rwanda \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/03/risks-african-capacity-building.aspx\)](#)



Speaker: Dr Danielle Beswick (IDD, University of Birmingham).

Friday 7th March 2014

[IDD PGR podcast: Cultural Trauma, Youth and Class: Reflections on Fieldwork with Tibetan Refugee Youth \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/02/cultural-trauma-youth-class.aspx\)](#)



Speaker: James Connell, PhD researcher, International Development Department, University of Birmingham

Thursday 27th February 2014

[IDD Launch New Module on Disability \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/02/module-on-disability.aspx\)](#)



IDD launches new PG module in 'Disability and Development' on campus and via distance learning.

Friday 21st February 2014

[IRiS Podcast: Struggles against subjection: the consequences of the criminalization of migration on migrants' everyday lives \(/schools/government-society/news/school-wide/2014/02/struggles-against-subjection.aspx\)](#)



Speaker: Dr Agnieszka Kubal (University of Oxford). Migration, Citizenship and Diversity: Questioning the Boundaries Seminar Series.

Thursday 13th February 2014

[IDD Guest seminar podcast: Development Strategies and Theories - A Perspective from Tanzania \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/02/development-strategies-theories-tanzania.aspx\)](#)



Speaker: Dr Andrew Coulson, Institute of Local Government Studies, University of Birmingham.

Wednesday 12th February 2014

[IDD Recruiting Research Fellow \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/01/recruiting-research-fellow.aspx\)](#)



Applications are invited for the position of Research Fellow with the International Development Department to work on a two year Leverhulme Trust research project, 'Networking for fisheries co-management on Lake Victoria, East Africa', working alongside Dr Fiona Nunan.

Friday 31st January 2014

[IDD Guest seminar podcast: The Spread of the Birmingham Mafia: The Development of In-Country Programmes \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/01/development-in-country-programmes.aspx\)](#)



Speaker: Professor Ken Davey OBE, Emeritus Professor, International Development Department, University of Birmingham.

Monday 27th January 2014

[IRiS Podcast: Beyond Reason: The Philosophy and Politics of Immigration \(/schools/government-society/news/school-wide/2014/01/beyond-reason.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/news/school-wide/2014/01/beyond-reason.aspx)

Speaker: Philip Cole, University of the West of England. Migration, Citizenship and Diversity: Questioning the Boundaries Seminar Series.

Tuesday 21st January 2014



[Blog: Violence in South Sudan illustrates the perils of state building \(http://iddbirmingham.wordpress.com/2014/01/14/violence-in-south-sudan-illustrates-the-perils-of-state-building/\)](http://iddbirmingham.wordpress.com/2014/01/14/violence-in-south-sudan-illustrates-the-perils-of-state-building/)

Written by Professor Paul Jackson. The Christmas period in the newest nation in the world, South Sudan, has been a violent one. More than 1,000 people are believed to have died (BBC) with more than 120,000 forced to flee ethnic clashes (BBC) in one of the least developed countries in the world. The President of the UN Security Council, Gerard Arnaud, has warned that this could lead to a fully fledged ethnic war in the country and around 7,500 UN peacekeeping troops have deployed to the country. In a country that is awash with guns and with a long history of violence between ethnic groups, populist political rhetoric along ethnic lines is dangerous.

Wednesday 15th January 2014

[Exciting, Forward Thinking Undergraduate Degrees \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/courses/undergraduate.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/courses/undergraduate.aspx)

Choose to study political science, international studies, sociology or european politics and take the opportunity to examine some of the most important political issues that we as citizens face in the 21st century.

Thursday 2nd January 2014

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