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Latest news

[IDD Guest seminar podcast: Succeeding to failure: Hybrid organizations and institutional complexity \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2015/03/hybrid-organizations-and-institutional-complexity.aspx\)](#)



Speaker: Professor Royston Greenwood, University of Alberta.

Friday 6th March 2015

[New book on Paying Bribes for Public Services \(http://www.dlprog.org/news/new-book-on-paying-bribes-for-public-services.php\)](http://www.dlprog.org/news/new-book-on-paying-bribes-for-public-services.php)

Extensive survey data based on interviews with 250,000 people in 119 countries underpin a new book on public service corruption co-authored by DLP research fellow Caryn Peiffer.



Friday 6th March 2015

[Training on fragility, statebuilding and peacebuilding \(http://www.dlprog.org/news/training-on-fragility-statebuilding-and-peacebuilding.php\)](http://www.dlprog.org/news/training-on-fragility-statebuilding-and-peacebuilding.php)

Senior DLP Research Fellow Alina Rocha Menocal leads a day of training on fragility, statebuilding and peacebuilding at the Swisspeace Academy in Basel this week. This is part of swisspeace's Certificate of Advanced Studies in Fragility, Conflict & Statebuilding.



Friday 6th March 2015

[In death, Boris Nemtsov embodies the hope of a better Russia \(http://theconversation.com/in-death-boris-nemtsov-embodies-the-hope-of-a-better-russia-38242\)](http://theconversation.com/in-death-boris-nemtsov-embodies-the-hope-of-a-better-russia-38242)



Written by Dr Adrian Campbell. For Russia to make peace with its troubled post-Communist history, it needs a 1990s hero to remember. Boris Nemtsov could be just that.

Monday 2nd March 2015

[IDD Guest seminar podcast: Corporate influence on institutional development in an emerging economy: The case of China \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2015/02/corporate-influence-on-institutional-development-in-an-emerging-economy-china.aspx\)](#)



Speaker: Professor John Child, Birmingham Business School, University of Birmingham. This seminar examines the role of large corporations in shaping institutional development, with particular reference to China. Although institutions are potentially powerful actors in the Chinese business environment, reflecting considerable control by government and Party, there has been scope for non-Chinese corporations to influence the development of their regulations and policies.

Friday 27th February 2015

[New World Development article by Fiona Nunan \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2015/02/new-world-development-article.aspx\)](#)



Newly published article in World Development examines how different types of institutions impact on the co-management of fisheries, drawing on research on inland fisheries in East Africa and Malawi.

Thursday 26th February 2015

[IDD Guest seminar podcast: Programming the poor for the global market \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2015/02/programming-the-poor-for-the-global-market.aspx\)](#)



Speaker: Paul Cammack, Professor of Global Political Economy, City University of Hong Kong.

Thursday 26th February 2015

[The Handbook of International Security and Development \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2015/02/handbook-of-international-security-and-development.aspx\)](#)



The handbook is designed to give a comprehensive survey of the state of the art in current thinking on this issue and combines practitioners experiences with academic approaches. The Handbook includes a wide range of contributors, many of whom have links to IDD, such as Honorary Professor, Mark Duffield, and also several members of IDD and UoB staff, including Paul Jackson, Danielle Beswick, Laurence Cooley, Nicolas Lemay-Hebert, Heather Marquette and Rosa Freedman.

[International court upholds Srebrenica massacre verdicts \(http://theconversation.com/international-court-upholds-srebrenica-massacre-verdicts-37003\)](http://theconversation.com/international-court-upholds-srebrenica-massacre-verdicts-37003)



Written by Louis Monroy Santander. In 1995 the Bosnian Serb army killed more than 8,000 Bosnian Muslims in what was known as the Srebrenica massacre. And after nearly 20 years and a ten-year legal battle, the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) has upheld its guilty verdicts against five of the men involved, confirming sentences of between 18 years and life for what has been judged to be a crime against humanity involving genocide.

Thursday 5th February 2015

[Prime Evil: why South Africa is releasing Eugene De Kock \(http://theconversation.com/prime-evil-why-south-africa-is-releasing-eugene-de-kock-37007\)](http://theconversation.com/prime-evil-why-south-africa-is-releasing-eugene-de-kock-37007)



Written by Professor Paul Jackson. The release of Eugene de Kock, former commander of the notorious Vlakplaas counterinsurgency unit responsible for numerous clandestine assassinations in apartheid South Africa, raises a number of critical issues with respect to justice in societies in transition.

Wednesday 4th February 2015

[Blog: International court upholds Srebrenica massacre verdicts \(https://iddbirmingham.wordpress.com/2015/02/02/international-court-upholds-srebrenica-massacre-verdicts/\)](https://iddbirmingham.wordpress.com/2015/02/02/international-court-upholds-srebrenica-massacre-verdicts/)



Written by Louis Monroy Santander, PhD student in IDD, focusing on issues of reconciliation, post-conflict peace-building and social reconstruction in the Western Balkans (Bosnia and Kosovo).

Monday 2nd February 2015

[Blog: Shuffling the decks: quick fixes versus long-term stability \(http://www.developmentprogress.org/blog/2015/01/22/shuffling-decks-quick-fixes-versus-long-term-stability\)](http://www.developmentprogress.org/blog/2015/01/22/shuffling-decks-quick-fixes-versus-long-term-stability)



Development Progress Blog. Ahead of the launch of our case studies on security progress in Liberia and Timor-Leste, Suda Perera writes on the risk that 'quick fixes' to violent conflict pose to development in the long-term. Taking the example of the Democratic Republic of Congo, she outlines the pitfalls of empowering warring parties and the challenging reality that good elections do not necessarily result in good democracy.

Friday 23rd January 2015

[IDD Guest seminar podcast: Local governance in the Commonwealth: Existing practices and emerging trends \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2015/01/local-governance-commonwealth.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2015/01/local-governance-commonwealth.aspx)



Speaker: Munawwar Alam, Commonwealth Local Government Forum

Friday 23rd January 2015

[At last, a show of force tips odds against Boko Haram \(http://theconversation.com/at-last-a-show-of-force-tips-odds-against-boko-haram-36448\)](http://theconversation.com/at-last-a-show-of-force-tips-odds-against-boko-haram-36448)



Written by Professor Paul Jackson. Suspected Boko Haram militants have attacked Northern Cameroon in another escalation of their now regional war against Nigeria, Cameroon, Chad and Niger. In a cross-border attack, the militants kidnapped around 80 people.

Tuesday 20th January 2015

[IDD Guest seminar podcast: The world of our unmaking: Rethinking peacebuilding intentions, events and consequences \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2015/01/rethinking-peacebuilding.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2015/01/rethinking-peacebuilding.aspx)



Speaker: Dr. Gëzim Visoka, Dublin City University

Monday 19th January 2015

[New book chapter: contribution to 'The Politics of Inclusive Development' \(http://www.dlprog.org/news/new-book-chapter-contribution-to-the-politics-of-inclusive-development.php\)](http://www.dlprog.org/news/new-book-chapter-contribution-to-the-politics-of-inclusive-development.php)



Senior researcher Claire Mcloughlin is one of the contributors to 'The Politics of Inclusive Development', published this month by OUP. The book is dedicated to the memory of the late Adrian Leftwich, DLP's founding Director of Research.

Thursday 15th January 2015

[New book chapter: contribution to the 'Routledge Handbook of Political Corruption' \(http://www.dlprog.org/news/new-book-chapter-contribution-to-the-routledge-handbook-of-political-corruption.php\)](http://www.dlprog.org/news/new-book-chapter-contribution-to-the-routledge-handbook-of-political-corruption.php)



The newly-published 'Routledge Handbook of Political Corruption' includes a contribution from DLP Director Heather Marquette in its section on new directions emerging in corruption research.

Blog: Typhoon Haiyan One Year On: Reflections on Disability Research in the Philippines
[\(http://iddbirmingham.wordpress.com/2014/12/17/typhoon-haiyan-one-year-on-reflections-on-disability-research-in-the-philippines/\)](http://iddbirmingham.wordpress.com/2014/12/17/typhoon-haiyan-one-year-on-reflections-on-disability-research-in-the-philippines/)



Written by David Coble. Super Typhoon Haiyan (known locally as Yolanda), the strongest typhoon on record ever to make landfall, ripped across the heavily-populated central Philippine provinces on 8th November 2013, leaving a trail of death, devastation and shattered lives in its wake. One year on, at the time of my visit to the Philippines, many people were still struggling to cope with the catastrophic consequences of Haiyan.

Thursday 18th December 2014

IDD Guest seminar podcast: From the inside: A development academic's reflections on three years at the World Bank
[\(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/12/development-academics-reflections-world-bank.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/12/development-academics-reflections-world-bank.aspx)



Speaker: Willy McCourt, Senior Public Sector Specialist, The World Bank.

Thursday 11th December 2014

Podcast: Ethics in Syria: Analysing the International Response (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/conflict-cooperation-security/news/2014/12/ethics-in-syria.aspx>)



The Institute for Conflict, Cooperation and Security, in conjunction with the Centre for Global Ethics, organised this timely panel discussion of the ongoing crisis in Syria. Leading academics and human rights activists convened a panel to discuss the ethics of responding to the crisis in Syria.

Tuesday 9th December 2014

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