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Latest news

[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. Gézim 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.

Tuesday 13th January 2015

[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 Cobley. 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

Mo Ibrahim Foundation MSc scholarship in Governance and State-building 2015 (</schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/mo-ibrahim-foundation-msc-scholarship.aspx>)



The International Development Department is pleased to announce an exciting opportunity to undertake the MSc in Governance and State-building, followed by a six-month internship at IDD and six months with the Mo Ibrahim Foundation in London with a full scholarship. Applicants must have the equivalent of a first class UK bachelors degree and be African nationals domiciled (or permanent residents) in an African country. Preference will be given to scholarship candidates living in Sub-Saharan Africa.
Monday 8th December 2014

FIFA offers a surprise lesson on how to reform post-conflict Bosnia and Herzegovina (<http://theconversation.com/fifa-offers-a-surprise-lesson-on-how-to-reform-post-conflict-bosnia-and-herzegovina-34633>)



Written by Dr Laurence Cooley. Bosnia and Herzegovina recently held its seventh general election since the end of the 1992-1995 war – a conflict that left more than 100,000 dead. On the face of it, the obvious victors of these elections appear to be the country's dominant nationalist parties, which have held power for almost two decades.
Friday 5th December 2014

IDD Guest seminar podcast: Using aid as a sanctioning device: The case of budget support suspensions? (</schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/12/using-aid-as-a-sanctioning-device.aspx>)



Speaker: Dr Nadia Molenaers, Institute of Development Policy and Management, University of Antwerp.
Friday 5th December 2014

ESRC PhD studentships (</schools/government-society/news/school-wide/2014/12/esrc-phd-studentships.aspx>)



The School of Government and Society invites applications for fully-funded ESRC studentships for postgraduate research beginning in September 2015.
Tuesday 2nd December 2014

Course on corruption from the grassroots (<http://www.dlprog.org/news/course-on-corruption-from-the-grassroots.php>)



DLP Research Fellow Dr Caryn Peiffer is lecturing at the ninth Afrobarometer / Centre for Social Science Research Summer School at the University of Cape Town, South Africa, which runs from 17 November - 12 December 2014.
Wednesday 26th November 2014

Podcast: Reflections On UK Africa Relations by Mark Simmonds MP (</schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/11/reflections-on-uk-africa-relations.aspx>)



This event entitled 'Reflections on UK Africa relations', covered Mark Simmonds time in office as well as his thoughts on the future of UK Africa relations in arenas including development, security and trade. The event was organised by the BISA Africa and International Studies Working Group, of which Dr Danielle Beswick is co-convenor, as part of a series of events around the UK during 2014 on 'Britain and Africa after 50.'
Wednesday 26th November 2014

Parliamentary strengthening: fix the car, or worry about the driver? (<http://www.dlprog.org/news/parliamentary-strengthening-fix-the-car-or-worry-about-the-driver.php>)



In a guest post on Duncan Green's From Poverty to Power blog, DLP Senior Research Fellow Alina Rocha Menocal revisits the evidence on parliamentary strengthening that she and former colleague Tam O'Neill of ODI presented in mid-November 2014 to the UK's International Development Select Committee (IDC).
Monday 24th November 2014

Blog: Ebola - where are the governments? (<http://iddbirmingham.wordpress.com/2014/11/21/ebola-where-are-the-governments/>)



Written by Dr Andrew Nickson. The terrible Ebola tragedy has spawned massive coverage in the world's media of Sierra Leone and Liberia – with harrowing images of victims, relatives, health workers, doctors, and aid agency staff. Yet one key 'stakeholder' in the fight against Ebola has been notably missing from this coverage – the government of both countries. Most of us would be hard pressed to name the presidents of either country* as they have been almost invisible, and the same goes for their respective health ministers.
Friday 21st November 2014

[IDD Guest seminar podcast: The Green State in Africa: Environmental politics, climate change and social movements \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/11/green-state-in-africa.aspx\)](#)

Speaker: Carl Death, University of Manchester.

Thursday 20th November 2014



[Call for papers: DLP conference on the politics of inequality \(http://www.dlprog.org/news/call-for-papers-dlp-conference-on-the-politics-of-inequality.php\)](#)

The 2015 Developmental Leadership Program Annual Conference will bring together the latest thinking on the politics of inequality.

Monday 17th November 2014



[Creating tomorrow's leading social scientists \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/dr-fees/ESRC-research-council.aspx\)](#)

The Birmingham Doctoral Training Centre is one of only 21 across the UK to be accredited by the ESRC. It has 22 ESRC scholarships to fund doctoral research starting in 2015.

Monday 17th November 2014



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