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IDD BLOG
Welcome to a special anniversary Annual Report

I am delighted to welcome you to the 2013/14 Annual Report of the International Development Department, representing a very special year for us.

The department marked its 50th anniversary in January, and while we couldn’t begin to encompass all the people, activities and achievements of the past five decades, this report gives a flavour of what we’re up to now and highlights some key activities and achievements from our history.

I’d like to congratulate and thank everyone who has worked in and with IDD, and all who have studied with us – as taught or research students, on campus or through distance learning, or via professional training. You’ve all made a difference and the enduring connections of staff, students and alumni are greatly appreciated. Please do send in your memories, reflections and thoughts on your connection with IDD for our ‘50 Faces’ (see p6) and visit www.birmingham.ac.uk/idd50 for news on anniversary-related events.

New research activity
IDD continues to attract significant research funding from diverse sources. In 2013, following the sad passing of Dr Adrian Leftwich, University of York, Dr Heather Marquette took over the research directorship of the multi-million dollar Developmental Leadership Program (see p8-9). Other exciting research activity includes the continued growth and impact of the GSDRC (see p10); Dr Danielle Beswick’s ESRC-funded seminar series on UK’s Africa policy (see p13); my own Leverhulme Trust grant on Networking for Fisheries Co-management on Lake Victoria, East Africa (see p15) and Dr Jonathan Fisher’s appointment as Honorary Research Fellow with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office’s Africa Working Group (see p11).

Teaching news
A major change in 2014 was the retirement of Ann Westover after 39 years of dedicated commitment to students’ welfare. She will be missed by us all but wished a very happy retirement. IDD’s postgraduate programme continues to flourish, with a new module in Disability and Development and a new pathway planned in Environment, Sustainability and Politics. We’re delighted that the new distance learning pathway in International Development (Conflict, Security and Development) has attracted scholarships from the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission. IDD recently contributed to the first MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) in the College of Social Sciences on ‘Cooperation in the Contemporary World’, hosted by FutureLearn.

Looking ahead, we’re working on a new strategy that draws on our ongoing successes, so look out for that on our website. We look forward to hearing from many of IDD’s alumni and associates as we celebrate this very special anniversary.

Dr Fiona Nunan
Director of IDD
50 years of IDD

- Institute of Local Government Studies (INLOGOV) founded by Professor Henry Maddick
- Short courses for British local government officers and officials of the newly independent Commonwealth countries
- Secondment of staff to public administration departments in new universities in the ex-colonies

1960s Foundation

- INLOGOV splits into two departments
- Development Administration Group as the ‘overseas wing’
- 1988: Development Studies Association conference
- Involvement in administrative reviews and research in Sudan, with publication of ‘Preventing Famines’ in 1988
- Short courses in Birmingham
- Technical assistance to the Ministry of Finance, Indonesia, with IDD seconded staff

1970s Long-term country training programmes

- Long-term country programmes of training and support in Sudan, Indonesia and India
- Postgraduate programme in Development Administration launched
- 1971: Diploma in Development Administration starts, followed by postgraduate degrees
- Local government finance technical support in Indonesia begins
- 1976-8: First major cross-country research programme on Basic Needs funded by ILO

1980s Expansion of postgraduate programmes

- 50th Anniversary

On 1 January 1964, IDD began with the founding of The Institute of Local Government Studies, initially with a focus only on developing countries.

This was a time when many leading development studies institutes were being set up with the support of the UK Government’s Department of Technical Cooperation and the British Council. In Birmingham’s case the instigator was Henry Maddick, a lecturer (later Professor) in Government at the University. He was joined by Hedley Marshall, ex-president of the Royal Institute of Public Administration; and by Ronald Wraith, ex-head of the Nigerian Federal Electoral Commission, who went on to join the University’s Centre for West African Studies (CWAS).

The founder of CWAS, John Fage, and Henry Maddick negotiated an agreement whereby short courses were provided for officials of the newly independent Commonwealth countries. This was complemented by the secondment of staff to public administration departments in new universities in the ex-colonies. The founders were then joined by a group of former colonial and civil service administrators, recruited under this agreement to staff the secondments and then teach the Birmingham courses. This group was the core of IDD until the late 1980s and comprised Ken Davey, Malcolm Norris, Philip Mawhood, David Pasteur, Chris Davies, Doug Lamb, Hubert Allen and Charles Swaisland. The team within the institute was led by Ken Pickering.

Inlogov subsequently divided into the Development Administration Group (eventually to become the International Development Department in 1997) and the Department of Local Government Studies, which were incorporated into a new School of Public Policy led by Ken Davey from 1986. The
School of Public Policy was disbanded in 2008 when IDD joined the current School of Government and Society.

Many of the original group left in the late 1980s, when another generation oversaw the transformation of DAG into IDD in the 1990s. Under department heads including Malcolm Norris, Donald Curtis, Richard Batley and Nick Devas, IDD developed growing overseas programmes especially in India and Indonesia; then Central and Eastern Europe and ex-USSR. Research-based policy advice grew immensely through the 1990s and 2000s; our postgraduate programmes grew and diversified; and we became one of the UK’s leading development research centres.

A series of large team, multi-year, cross-national research programmes went on to marry academic research with strong policy influence, and our engagement with practitioners and policymakers took a new direction 13 years ago with the formation of the renowned Governance and Social Development Resource Centre (GSDRC).

IDD still runs taught and research-based postgraduate degree programmes and continuing professional development courses not only at Birmingham but also in other countries and by distance learning. We very much retain the spirit of our founders in maintaining a commitment to the countries we study, with frequent visits and interaction through our well-developed alumni networks. Our students now originate from 139 countries across Europe, the US, South, Central and East Asia, and Latin America.
Faces old and new celebrate

Celebrations to mark the 50th anniversary kicked off in November 2013 when IDD hosted the Development Studies Association conference. Further events are planned during 2014 – visit the IDD website news pages for up-to-date details.

The department is also inviting alumni and current and former staff to become one of 50 Faces of IDD. The project showcases the wealth of talented people that have studied in or worked for the department over the years.

To be one of the 50 Faces, send a short description of your memories with a ‘head and shoulders’ photograph to socscialumni@contacts.bham.ac.uk.

Alumni faces

‘Studying and living at the University of Birmingham has been one of the more rewarding experiences in my life. My PhD allowed me to move forward in my career in international development. Today I work at the Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations.’

Dr Lenni Montiel (PhD Public Policy, 1999)

‘The time that I spent there [was] … unforgettable. 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.’

Ahmed Moghazy Ibrahim (MSc Governance and Development Management, 2010)

‘I was always passionate about development studies, which is why I ended up at the IDD in 1993. It has been a wonderful ride, and I am thankful to IDD/the University of Birmingham for the solid grounding it gave me.’

Maureen Achieng (MSocSc Development Administration, 1994)

Staff faces

‘The highlight was probably a short period of fieldwork in Uganda collecting data for my dissertation. Having been a keen traveller for all my adult life, I relished the opportunity to visit a new country and gain a unique insight into the experiences of disabled people seeking to overcome the immense range of exclusionary societal barriers that confront them on a daily basis.’

Dr David Coblly (2006–present)

‘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.’

Professor Ken Davey OBE (1989–2000)

‘For more than 30 years, IDD presented to me a marvellously diverse combination of teaching, consultancy and research in Latin America, sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, the UK and Europe. Who could not have relished that opportunity to meet and work with people from all over the world, while being rooted in a team of colleagues in Birmingham?’

Professor Richard Batley (1978–present)

The 2013 Annual Conference of the UK and Ireland Development Studies Association was hosted by the International Development Department, with a pre-conference keynote address by Professor Sam Hickey of the Institute of Development Policy and Management, University of Manchester. See www.devstud.org.uk for more information on the DSA.

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IDD BLOG
Tribute to Professor Henry Maddick

Henry Maddick was appointed in 1950 to a Lectureship in Government at the University and quickly discovered his main interest was in the development of the newly independent countries. This was inspired particularly by research for the United Nations on decentralisation in Africa, Europe and Latin America and then a one-year contract with the Ford Foundation in India to help develop the Panchayati Raj system of local government. He noted the extraordinary gulf between those parts of the state that work and those that are grossly ineffective, and found that the solution for countries managing the transition to independence was rooted in local government.

Back in Birmingham, he fought a long campaign to establish a new Institute of Local Government Studies at the University, which came to fruition on 1st January 1964 with Henry as its first director. He was aided by Ronald Wraith (already a noted writer on local government, elections and corruption in Africa), Hedley Marshall (ex-Coventry Treasurer, who had developed a plan for Sudan’s local administration in 1947), and Ken Pickering who had experience of community development in Sierra Leone and with the Harvard Advisory Group in Pakistan.

The principles that our founders established remain at the core of IDD: commitment to the countries we work in, a wish to bridge the gap between academia and practice, and a willingness to innovate and adapt.

University recognises IDD alumni

Since the 1990s, the University of Birmingham has recognised the achievements of four notable former IDD students:

Dr Michael Ndubiwa (MSc SocSc Development Administration, 1972) was awarded an Honorary DSc in 1995 for his work in African local government and urban management.

In 1998, Lord Michael Bichard KCB (MSc SocSc Development Administration, 1977) received an Honorary LLD for his work in social care.

In 2008, Concy Aciro (MSc Poverty Reduction and Development Management, 2007) was awarded Alumna of the Year for her role as an opposition MP in the Ugandan Parliament, involved in peace talks between the government and rebels.

Dr Alwyn Didar Singh (MSc SocSc Development Administration, 1996) was awarded an Honorary DUniv in 2014 for his international work in e-commerce and ICT development. Earlier in 2014, he was the first bureaucrat to become Secretary General of FICCI – the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

Could you nominate someone for their outstanding achievements?

The University awards honorary degrees twice each year and Alumni of the Year annually. To find out more about nominations and eligibility, or download a nomination form, visit www.birmingham.ac.uk and search for Honorary Degrees or Alumni of the Year.
The Developmental Leadership Program

A reputation for research that is intellectually strong and policy relevant is ensuring longevity for the Developmental Leadership Program (DLP).

New to IDD in summer 2013, the DLP is a long-term, international research initiative bringing together policymakers, academic, business and civil society partners to explore and promote the role of leadership (and human agency more broadly) in the political processes of development.

The programme was initially established in July 2009 as The Leadership Program: Developmental Leaders, Elites and Coalitions with funding from the Australian Government. Renamed as the DLP, the programme began to build on its previous research and analysis, building knowledge and evidence about the role and impact of leaders in shaping institutions, state building and development outcomes.

The sad loss of its founder, Dr Adrian Leftwich, in April 2013 inevitably meant a new era for the DLP. In 2014 it became a partnership of three universities: the University of Birmingham, University College London, and La Trobe University in Melbourne, Australia.

DLP Director, Dr Heather Marquette, explains: ‘It is a real privilege to lead this next stage of DLP, and being based within this partnership of universities allows us greater stability and opportunities for growth. We have an exciting work plan ahead and look forward to continuing DLP’s long-standing programme of high quality, high impact research that is relevant to today’s development policy challenges.’

Recent research projects include:

■ Coalitions for change in the Philippines
  John T. Sidel (LSE)
  Showing the necessity for coalitions in achieving reforms by examining the role of developmental leadership in two major 2012 reforms in the Philippines

■ The role of secondary and tertiary education in developmental leadership
  Amir Jones, Charlotte Jones and Susy Ndaruhiute (CfBT Education Trust with CDD Ghana)
  Through research carried out in Ghana and Somaliland, the findings identified a set of leadership qualities that cross political divides, and confirmed that secondary and tertiary education can play a vital role in creating developmental leadership

■ Political settlements and state formation: The case of Somaliland
  Sarah Phillips (University of Sydney)
  Why did the civil wars in Somaliland end while Somalia’s continued? This paper asks why large-scale violence was resolved in the internationally unrecognised ‘Republic of Somaliland’ but not in the rest of Somalia. Already presented at the DFID and World Bank in Washington, this research suggests that Somaliland was successful without international community involvement; opening up questions about how western nations get involved with post-conflict countries

DLP research projects have encompassed topics as diverse as the political inclusion of armed groups; women’s coalitions; and the politics of climate change. The programme has had a huge impact since its beginnings in 2006, influencing more than AUD$1 billion in aid.

The DLP’s core research themes for the next three years are:

■ Politically informed programmes
■ Elites and political settlements
■ Reform coalitions
■ Leadership
■ The roles of attitudes, values and ideas in developmental leadership
As well as specific research projects, DLP will continue to contribute to policy debates through hosting Communities of Practice and workshops, as well as participating in key academic conferences and forums.

Dr Marquette adds: ‘As always, our aim is to deliver high quality research that is problem-driven and policy relevant. We are committed to having a real impact, and to balancing this alongside the serious responsibility of questioning received wisdom in areas such as international aid policy. The best tribute we can pay to Adrian is to ensure his legacy lives on through DLP, so our aim is to continue to produce research that is groundbreaking.’
The GSDRC’s rapid-response research service gives international development agencies the information and experience they need to grapple with real-world problems.

The Governance and Social Development Resource Centre (GSDRC) has expanded greatly since it was founded in 2001. The centre was originally set up as the Governance Resource Centre to support governance advisers at the UK Department for International Development (DFID). It now also works for the Australian Aid Programme and the European Commission, and its scope has expanded to include social development, conflict, and humanitarian issues. The GSDRC’s research team combs through the latest evidence, international experience, and expert thinking to inform international development policy and practice.

GSDRC Manager Brian Lucas explains: ‘Our model is special and very high value because we have a dedicated team ready to find, interpret, and prioritise the information available and summarise it in a clear, concise form. There are plenty of online repositories, but we offer expertise and judgement to sift through the information available and quickly pull together the most important key messages for each particular need. We translate academic research into something that can be used by development agencies in practice, so our work is often immediately applicable with tangible results. Knowing that what we are doing has a direct effect is very fulfilling.’

Online topic guides
Topic guides provide an overview of current issues, debates and knowledge across nearly 30 subject areas in a style that is succinct and easily understandable. Newly published guides this year cover inclusive institutions, disaster resilience, security and justice, and more.

Professional development directory
Our directory of courses, workshops, and events for governance, social development, and conflict professionals is updated weekly with new courses from selected training providers.

Document library
We maintain an up-to-date collection of policy-oriented summaries of the most credible new publications on governance, social development, conflict, and humanitarian issues selected by our staff.

Issues papers
GSDRC researchers also carry out research and literature reviews providing in-depth analysis of emerging issues, including a wide range of country-level studies of conflict, political economy, and peacebuilding.

Looking to the future
Brian says: ‘There has always been a need for current information in international development, and over the years we have developed a highly effective model for providing it. The fact we now have three long-term core funders, and have carried out work for many other agencies, shows the important role that an outsourced knowledge management centre can play in tapping into knowledge beyond internal sources and perspectives.

‘I am very proud that we have become a sustainable and permanent part of the University of Birmingham over the past 13 years, and we all look forward both to expanding our current activities and to taking on even more challenging research in the years ahead.’

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The GSDRC team (left to right) Claire McLoughlin, Róisín Hinds, Heather Marquette, Siân Herbert, Brigitte Rohwender, Anna Strachan, Evie Browne, Freyja Oddsdóttir, Sarah O’Connor, Huma Haider, Émilie Combaz, Sunedeh Rao, Brian Lucas (missing: Edward Avenell, Timothy Fisken)
Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding

Celebrating 50 years of research, IDD is now home of the Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding. Nicolas Lemay-Hébert, Senior Lecturer and convener of the IDD module on Governance and Statebuilding, is the new co-editor of this cross-disciplinary journal.

The arrival of this journal reflects the high quality and profile of our research in this area. This includes Nicolas’ research on the political economy and unintended consequences of international interventions, and Paul Jackson’s work on reconstructing security after conflict. The journal is devoted to the analysis of international intervention, focusing on interactions and practices to shape, influence and transform state and society. It is hosted by Taylor and Francis (Routledge), and co-edited in partnership with Florian Kuhn (Humboldt University, Berlin).

Learn more: www.tandfonline.com/toc/risb20/

Foreign and Commonwealth Office links further East Africa research

Between 2013-2014, Jonathan Fisher gained first-hand insight into how UK/Africa policy is made.

Invited to become an Honorary Research Fellow by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO)’s Africa Working Group based on his research into regional security policy in eastern Africa, Jonathan helped to produce regular briefings and submissions to civil servants and ministers on a range of topics – particularly Uganda’s regional relations and African perspectives on international justice.

The Fellowship culminated in two roundtables in the FCO where academic experts (including IDD’s Professor Paul Jackson) discussed these topics with policy-makers from across Whitehall. Jonathan also carried out an FCO/IDD-funded research trip to Uganda and Ethiopia in advance of the 2013 Somalia Conference in London.

The Fellowship enabled Jonathan to foster closer ties between the FCO and IDD, and a senior FCO research analyst spoke to IDD students on Rwanda policy in November 2013. It also led to further collaborative research, and Jonathan has been working with the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung in Addis Ababa on ‘mapping’ regional security in the Horn of Africa since October 2013.

Finally, working alongside policy-makers has provided Jonathan and IDD with a greater understanding of how Africa policy is made, and its influences. This informs his research (published in Conflict, Security Development (2013) and Third World Quarterly (2014)), as well as his teaching – particularly on IDD’s Aid Policy and Politics and Development Politics modules.
Researching former Maoist combatants in Nepal

Professor Paul Jackson studies the weakest area of post-conflict security interventions – reintegration – in Nepal. This research builds on Paul’s previous experience as international adviser to the Nepali Committee on the Reintegration of the Maoist Combatants.

Since 2007, almost 20,000 Maoist combatants have started making the long transition to becoming civilians, however a critical issue facing international intervention is that we know very little about the modes of transition of former combatants, and their pathways to civilian life. Professor Jackson’s research will document the narratives of around 300 former combatants making this difficult journey.

Funded by the Folke Bernadotte Academy in Sweden, and partly run by a Nepali research team, the research traces individuals to map transition processes, with the overall aim of capturing narratives of those who chose to be integrated into the Nepal Army and those who chose civilian life. Overall, the research will ask: How do former combatants manage their post-combatant transitions and what issues do they face?

Street vendors in India

Philip Amis and Kamna Patel have been studying innovative approaches to street vendors and slum dwellers at CEPT (School of Planning and Architecture) in Ahmedabad, India.

Managing the urban informal sector is a major challenge for governments in the global system. The task is to find a middle ground between an uncontrolled urban space and an alternative policy based on repression.

Philip and Kamna (a former IDD PhD student and now Lecturer at DPU London) had a UKNA (Urban Knowledge Network Asia) fellowship from March-April 2014 to research different dimensions of the processes of implementation. Their work highlighted the importance of seeing how the policies were, or were not, being implemented. To do this it considered the importance of: the legal system and court rulings, understanding how policy is interpreted by officials (Street Level Bureaucrats) at local level, and of local politics.
New series of events on contemporary UK Africa policy

Danielle Beswick, Director of Research and convenor of the IDD Conflict in Developing Countries module, has been awarded funds from the ESRC to run a series of thematic seminars from 2014-16 on UK Africa policy since 1997.

Working with the British Institute in Eastern Africa, Royal African Society and UK All Party Parliamentary Group among others, these events reflect on the legacy of Labour Government policies for UK Africa relations. They also consider how the current contexts of financial austerity and coalition government affect these relationships. With events taking place in London, Sheffield, Birmingham, Warwick, Oxford and Nairobi, the series aims to generate academic, public and policy debates.

Danielle is co-chair of the BISA Africa and International Studies working group for 2014-15. Find executive summaries and podcasts of speaker presentations at: www.open.ac.uk/socialsciences/bisa-africa/uk-africa-policy/

Does service delivery make states more legitimate?

Claire Mcloughlin, Senior Research Fellow, questions the received wisdom in research published in Governance (2014).

Contemporary aid policy and practice assumes that providing vital public services – including health, education, water and sanitation – enhances the legitimacy of fragile or conflict-affected states. But what do we actually know about when, or if, service delivery improves state legitimacy?

The relationship between state performance in delivering services and its degree of legitimacy is neither straightforward nor guaranteed. Greater attention must be paid to intervening factors including: citizens’ expectations of what the state should provide; subjective assessments of impartiality and distributive justice; relationships formed at the point of delivery; how easy it is for citizens to attribute (credit or blame) performance to the state; and the particular characteristics of the service.

Working with the Developmental Leadership Program (DLP, see p8–9), new research in Sri Lanka will examine how the nature of the political settlement, and the persuasive power of political leaders, may ultimately determine the true significance of service delivery for state legitimacy. This research is also discussed in IDD’s Governance and Statebuilding module.
Does politics explain everything?

A lot, but not everything. Improving service delivery involves politics, management and evidence.

Through the 1990s, the emphasis on service delivery research was on governments’ capacity to manage service provision and work with the private sector.

The World Bank’s World Development Report 2004 marked a radical shift, restating the question as one of how systems of accountability affect the representation of poor people’s priorities to politicians, give policymakers control of providers’ incentives, and allow users to demand services they want. In 2013, World Bank President Jim Kim announced that his hallmark would be the ‘science of delivery’; learning from experimental trials and building evidence on what forms of delivery work under different circumstances.

In February 2014, a World Bank conference reflected on lessons ten years on from WDR 2004; with IDD’s Claire Mcloughlin and Richard Batley among the contributors. The main theme was that ‘politics is not only part of the problem but also of the solution’. IDD’s own research on the political incentives for and political effects of service provision confirms this, bringing together evidence on the effectiveness of forms of public and private service delivery, and analysing relations between government and service providers.

Learn more: www.birmingham.ac.uk/idd

State fragility and rural development

Martin Rew from IDD and Markus Schultze-Kraft of the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, have been conducting research for the past year on ‘State Fragility and Rural Development’ for the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

International development agencies focus increasingly on fragile and conflict-affected states and the challenges they face in achieving Millennium Development Goals. Recognising that fragile states are different from more stable and less vulnerable (though not necessarily poorer) developing countries, donors are paying increasing attention to specific problems of governance, service delivery, development of core state functions, and – more recently – conflict resolution, peace-building and violence mitigation in such settings.

However, though many fragile states have large rural populations, and subsistence agriculture and associated non-farm economic activities constitute significant sectors of their economies, the relationship between state fragility and rural development remains underexplored.

Considering Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Yemen, Nepal and Bolivia, this study suggests there are some particular challenges for rural development in fragile states. State fragility affects levels of rural poverty, public service delivery and violence against women in a number of ways, making rural development more difficult. The lack or limitations of rural development in turn enhances these states’ overall fragility, creating a vicious and challenging circle that is difficult to break.

An Afghan farmer harvesting wheat
The status of fisheries globally is a cause of much concern, with declining stocks and threatened livelihoods in many parts of the world. Co-management has been introduced as a way of better managing fisheries, but there is much evidence that the system is not working as well as hoped in African inland fisheries.

Dr Fiona Nunan, Director of IDD, has secured a two-year grant from the Leverhulme Trust to carry out research on Lake Victoria, the second largest freshwater body in the world, with the fisheries supporting the livelihoods of around two million people. The research has three key strands:

1) The identification of personal relations that influence fisheries stakeholders’ decision-making
2) Investigation of how personal networks influence attitudes to co-management of fisheries stakeholders
3) Informing co-management theory and practice

The findings will feed into regional and national policy on fisheries management and will have significance for the design and implementation of co-management in other parts of the world, supporting global efforts towards more effective fisheries governance.
Five decades of teaching and training

Real world experience combined with state-of-the-art facilities have benefited hundreds of students from across the globe in the past 50 years.

Conducive environment
From short courses for public administrators of recently independent commonwealth countries in the 1960s, to a suite of 15 postgraduate taught programmes on campus and by distance learning today; around 2,500 students from 157 countries have graduated from IDD.

IDD’s approach to learning is to create a conducive environment in which students can develop their ideas and thinking independently with the support of staff actively engaged in research and policy, and with the huge range of experience that other students bring to the department.

‘Some of the students have come straight from university, others have come from professional jobs, others have worked in the third sector and NGOs, and we had an amazing sense of community. Nobody felt more important than anyone else and we were really able to learn from each other. There’s enough support for you not to feel alone but enough space for you to study independently and choose which path you want to take.’

Imandeep Kaur Bansal, MSc International Development, 2011

State-of-the-art teaching facilities
Birmingham is the first UK university to use the virtual learning environment, Canvas. Our distance learning programme uses Canvas extensively, allowing the integration of traditional text-based learning with online lectures, discussion boards, interactive activities, audio feedback, and much more.

Learning approaches
Each programme offered by IDD combines: small seminars with larger group learning; independent learning with group activities; opportunities for in-depth discussion with confidence-building presentations. Assessment methods are varied throughout the programmes and are designed both to develop strong academic skills, and to prepare students in the skills needed for employment after their degrees.

Alongside the areas of specialism indicated by the MSc programmes listed there is a range of optional modules that students can choose from, for example: disability, religion and development, environment and sustainability, politics, disaster management.

Core learning is supplemented by regular seminar series and by study skills and dissertation research skills training. All the campus programmes offer either an organised field visit or the opportunity to do individual fieldwork in a country of students’ choice. Funding for this is included in the programme fee.

New programmes in the coming months include MSc International Development (Environment, Sustainability and Politics) and MSc Development Management by distance learning, with additional new pathways and collaborations planned.

‘IDD has an environment that’s very conducive to learning. There are lots of ideas in the melting pot and everyone is very open to hearing what you have to say and your opinions on things.’

Gavin Donald, MSc Development Management (Aid Management), 2012

Postgraduate programmes
MSc International Development
Pathways in:
- MSc Poverty, Inequality and Development
- MSc Conflict, Security and Development
- MSc Int’l Political Economy and Development
- MSc Governance, State-building and Development
- MSc Urban Development

MSc Development Management
Pathways in:
- MSc Public Economic Management and Finance
- MSc Aid Management
- MSc Human Resources and Development Management

Masters in Public Administration
MSc International Development by distance learning
Pathways in:
- MSc Poverty, Inequality and Development
- MSc Conflict, Security and Development

Masters in Public Administration and Development by distance learning

‘The teaching is interactive, innovative and there is a lot of support for independent learning.’

Zainab Usman, MSc International Development (Governance and State Building), 2013
Number of IDD students by region 1974–2014

North America
2 countries, 69 students

Latin America and Caribbean
32 countries, 135 students

Europe
43 countries, 637 students

North Africa
4 countries, 15 students

Middle East
14 countries, 43 students

West Africa
9 countries, 210 students

East Africa
9 countries, 218 students

Southern Africa
12 countries, 156 students

East Asia
7 countries, 263 students

North Africa
4 countries, 15 students

Oceania
6 countries, 16 students

South East Asia
11 countries, 204 students

South Asia
8 countries, 99 students

Middle East
14 countries, 43 students

South Asia
8 countries, 86 students

Southern Africa
12 countries, 156 students

Oceania
6 countries, 16 students

IDD students during a study tour on public management in Istanbul, 2014
Doctorates awarded 2012–2014

Zakir Akhand: Coercion or persuasion? Making large corporation tax compliant in Bangladesh


Eleanor Chowns: The Political Economy of Community Management: A Study of Factors Influencing Sustainability in Malawi’s Rural Water Supply Sector

Jennifer Inathe Clarke: Bureaucratic Autonomy in Practice: A Comparative Case Study of Revenue Administrations in Jamaica and the Dominican Republic

David Cobley: Towards Economic Empowerment for Disabled People: Exploring the Boundaries of the Social Model of Disability in Kenya and India

Rinita Dam: The Experiences and Livelihood Strategies of Poor People Living with HIV/AIDS in Kolkata, India

Ndubuisi Nwokolo: The Political Economy of Oil Resource Conflicts: The Study of Oil Village Communities in Nigeria

Sunday Okello: Post-War Social Recovery in Northern Uganda: Grassroots Perspectives and Non-Governmental Organisation

Kashif Rathore: Leadership and Participatory Development in Post-Reform (2001-2010) District Governments of Punjab, Pakistan: The Case of Attock and Sahiwal Districts
Doctoral research at IDD

IDD’s postgraduate research community continues to thrive. We welcome applications, with information on the application process available on our website. Dr Martin Rew acts as the Director of Postgraduate Research in IDD.

IDD continues to support research students through their training and research journeys, with ongoing research including:
- Post-conflict reconstruction and good governance
- The prosperity gospel and adherent social mobility in Ghana
- Criminality and justice in Eastern Congo
- The impact of climate change on forest policy in Indonesia
- Performance management and organizational culture in government
- Violence, trauma and political consciousness amongst Tibetan Refugees in South-east Asia

We welcome applications for research degrees within the following broad areas:
- Conflict and post conflict reconstruction
- African foreign relations and diplomacy
- Natural resource governance, management and livelihoods
- Anti-corruption and good governance
- Religion and development
- Participatory approaches to development
- Public sector management
- Statebuilding and intervention

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International Development PhD with Integrated Study
IDD welcomed Mohammad Roudo and Deny Juanto from Indonesia (shown in photo) to its PhD with Integrated Study programme in 2013.

In this four year degree, students focus on taught modules in the first year, taking four research-based modules and two subject relevant modules. This gives students a firm grounding in research training and subject specialism before moving into their PhD research.

Funding postgraduate research
Funding postgraduate research degrees continues to be challenging, but be encouraged by the range of funding sources our students have secured funding from, including their own country governments, the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission, the UK Economic and Social Research Council and from the University. Potential applicants are encouraged to start looking for funding early on and to apply in good time to allow for proposals to be modified and funding secured.
IDD 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 Philip Amis PhD Kent** – Focuses on urban studies and poverty, informal sector, local government, aid management and evaluation methods. Experience in East Africa and India.


**Evie Browne MA University of East Anglia, MA University of Edinburgh** – Interests in social development, particularly gender and social protection, with broad knowledge across themes of power, social exclusion, human development, civil society, political economy, participation and vulnerability.

**Dr Adrian Campbell PhD Brunel** – Organisational analyst. Interests in power, leadership and organisational structure; public administration reform; globalisation, culture and human resources; urban and regional governance; nation-states, empires and rising powers (China, Russia).

**Dr Dražen Cepić MRes, PhD European University Institute Florence** – Working on fisheries co-management and networks on Lake Victoria, East Africa. Interests in economic sociology, social network analysis, corruption and social inequalities.

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

**Dr Laurence Cooley MA QUB, MA, PhD Birmingham** – Political scientist with interests including ethnic conflict resolution, institutional design in divided societies, and the external relations of the European Union, with a particular focus on the Western Balkans.

**Simon DeLay MA Cambridge, CIPFA** – Economist and public sector financial management specialist with main interests in issues of financial audit and control, decentralised financial management and the management of aid.

**Dr Jonathan Fisher MSc, DPhil Oxon** – Interests in the politics of aid, political economy analysis and governance reform in Africa, African foreign policy making and diplomacy, fragile states and donor perceptions of the developing world, democratisation and the role of international actors.

**Huma Haider LLB, MBA Toronto, LLM London School of Economics** – Interests in transitional justice in the context of peacebuilding; coexistence and reconciliation in divided societies; and the role of refugees/IDPs and diaspora communities in transitional justice and peacebuilding.

**Sián Herbert Masters Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO), Argentina (in cooperation with the Universidad de San Andrés and the Universidad de Barcelona)** – Interests in conflict, state-building, aid policy and the politics of aid (especially EU policy in middle-income countries), inequality (income, wealth and gender), and Latin America.

**Dr Tom Hewitt MPhil, PhD Sussex** – Expertise in development theory and distance learning. Interests in governance and the politics of development, in child rights and rights-based programming, and in science and technology policy.

**Dr Róisín Hinds MSc Queens University Belfast, PhD Trinity College Dublin** – Interests in labour, globalisation, resource management, the politics of trade unionism, and interactions between workers, political parties and investors in southern Africa.

**Professor Paul Jackson MA, MSc, PhD Birmingham** – Political economist with main interests in conflict, post-conflict reconstruction and security sector reform, decentralisation, local governance and the state, including public management, politics and security.

**Dr Nicolas Lemay-Hébert MA, MPhil, PhD Sciences Po Paris** – Interests in peacebuilding and statebuilding, humanitarian interventions in post-conflict or post-disaster contexts, and local narratives of resistance to international interventions.

**Dr Robert Leurs DipLic, MSoC, PhD Manchester** – Specialist in participatory development with main interests in the ‘new’ development professionalism, process approaches to projects, bureaucratic reorientation/learning methods, participatory poverty assessments.

**Brian Lucas MSc Manitoba, MSc London School of Economics** – Interests in information and knowledge management, research communication and impact, and information and communications technologies.

**Dr Heather Marquette MA, PhD Dunelm** – Director of GSDRC and DLP. Political scientist specialising in political development, corruption and discourses of corruption/anti-corruption, and donor approaches to good governance and state-building.

**Claire McLaughlin MA Leicester** – Interests in non-state service providers, the relationship between service delivery and state-building, and policies and approaches to aid in fragile situations.

**Dr Fiona Nunan MA, PhD Birmingham** – Specialises in environmental and natural resource governance, livelihoods and policy in developing countries, including institutional development and co-management, particularly of fisheries and coastal ecosystems, and climate compatible development, with a focus on East Africa and South Asia.

**Dr Caryn Peiffer MA, PhD Claremont Graduate University** – Political scientist focusing on political development, the measurement, causes and consequences of corruption, and the impact of state-business relations on reform processes.

**Suda Perera MA York, PGCHE, PhD Kent** – Conflict analyst specialising in armed groups in the African Great Lakes. Interests in migration and conflict in sub-Saharan Africa, non-state actors, political settlements, and data collection in conflict zones.

**Sumeeth Rao Master of Public Affairs, Sciences Po** – Interests in anti-corruption, governance and aid in fragile situations, peacebuilding, state-building and state fragility, political economy analysis and aid architecture.
Dr Martin Rew MSc, PhD Cambridge – Social anthropologist and specialist in gender and religion in India, particularly in relation to issues of violence against women and social movements.

Willem van Eekelen MSc Rotterdam and Sussex Development – Economist specialising in organisational capacity and M&E.

Associated staff within the University of Birmingham

Dr Andrew Coulson – Honorary Senior Lecturer, Institute of Local Government Studies, political economy of Tanzania, agriculture and land in Tanzania.

Dr Emma Foster, PhD Birmingham, Department of Political Science and International Studies – Interests in political and feminist geography, sustainable development, environmental policy making, gender and development, population and development, Queer Theory and sexuality studies.

IDD Associates

These former academic staff members continue to engage in consultancy, research and training in association with the department.

Emeritus Professor Richard Batley – Specialist in service delivery, non-state services, and public-private partnerships.

Dr Donald Curtis, Honorary Senior Research Fellow – Specialist in institutional development and governance, environmental management, and rural development.

Emeritus Professor Ken Davey – Specialist in local government, central local financial relations, and public finance.

Nick Devas, Honorary Senior Lecturer – Economist and urban planner whose specialisms include local government, municipal finance, intergovernmental fiscal relations, and public finance.

Dr Michael Hubbard, Honorary Senior Research Fellow – Economist specialising in public economic management, agricultural economics and international aid management.

Andrew Nickson, Honorary Senior Lecturer – Specialist in public administration reform, decentralisation, and the reform of basic service delivery.

Dr Ita O’Donovan – Specialist in urban local government, particularly strategic change, urban regeneration and public-private partnerships.

Emeritus Professor Carole Rakodi – Social scientist and urban planner, and Director, Religions and Development Research Programme 2005-2010.

Dr Malcolm Wallis – Specialist in Public Management.

Dr John Watson, Honorary Senior Lecturer – Specialist in project analysis, delivery and evaluation.

Honorary staff

Munawar Alam – South Asian Advisor to the Commonwealth Local Government Forum.

Shivit Bakrania – Specialist in conflict, security and development.

Piet Biesheuval – Former UK Police Officer and currently Senior Security and Justice Adviser to the UK Stabilisation Unit.

Paul Collins – Specialist in ethics and integrity management, public-private partnership, and the role of the BRICs in global governance.

Elena Denezhchina – Honorary Research Fellow of the School of Government and Society. Interests include urban and regional development strategy; globalisation and cities; partnership and hierarchy in urban development; power politics, defence industry and development in Russia.

Alan Doig – Visiting Professor, Centre for Public Services Management, Liverpool Business School; specialist in addressing fraud and corruption.

Mark Duffield – Honorary Professor Emeritus, social scientist and specialist in security and development, development aid and the politics of intervention.

James Fennell MBE – Former head of the fragile states team at the IDL group and UK Regional Conflict Adviser; specialist in historicist understandings of conflict in South Asia and Central and West Africa.

Sir Francis Richards KCMG, CVO, DL – Former Director of the Centre for Studies in Security and Diplomacy (CSSD), University of Birmingham; Former Director of UK Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ); and former Governor of Gibraltar.

Geja Sharma Wagle – Director of the Nepal Institute of Policy Studies, Kathmandu and expert in peacebuilding, conflict resolution and security sector reform.


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Recent staff publications

Books

Book chapters

Journal articles
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People and publications


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Hinds, R. (2014) Increasing financial investment in women and girls through gender responsive budgeting, helpdesk research report. GSDRC, University of Birmingham

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