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Welcome to IDD's 2018–19 Annual Report

Welcome to the 2018–19 Annual Report of the International Development Department. It's been an incredibly productive year, with great achievements individually and for the department. Be sure to keep up with IDD news via Facebook, twitter and our website.



Research news: Awards, early career research, WhatsApp research and DFID secondment

Professor Nic Cheeseman has had a fantastically rewarding year – on page 4 you can read about why he was awarded the Joni Lovenduski Prize for outstanding professional achievement by a mid-career scholar by the UK Political Studies Association and how he led a team that received the Outstanding International Impact prize awarded by the UK Economic and Social Research Council. These are both great achievements and reflect Nic's outstanding scholarship, team work and dedication to his research area.

IDD is keen to host post-doctoral researchers and is delighted that we have two scholars with funding from the British Academy and the Leverhulme Trust. Dr Raquel da Silva and Sanne Weber report on their experiences, followed by Dr Martin Ottmann, who was awarded a Birmingham Fellowship in 2015. The role of social media in all aspects of our lives receives a lot of attention – this includes political campaigning. Dr Jonathan Fisher and Professor Nic Cheeseman report on their research undertaken with funding from WhatsApp on the role and influence of WhatsApp during Nigeria's 2019 elections. And, working at the policy-research interface, Professor Heather Marquette reports on her role as Senior Research Fellow with the UK Department for International Development.

Change has been a significant theme for the Governance and Social Development Resource Centre (GSDRC) and the Developmental Leadership Program (DLP). In April, we had

to say farewell to Brian Lucas who had served as Manager of the GSDRC for 15 years. IDD is grateful for the incredible developments Brian achieved, enabling the centre to grow whilst maintaining its international reputation for excellence in the quality and speed at which evidence and research reviews are produced. We are pleased to welcome Neringa Collier as the new Manager of GSDRC. 2019 marked the beginning of a new phase of DLP, led by Professor David Hudson. Read about the purpose and plans for this exciting phase of the programme.

Alumni and teaching news

Examples of remarkable achievements by IDD's alumni can be found on page 13. These include an honorary doctorate awarded to Imandeep Kaur, Ellie Chowns (alumni and newly appointed lecturer in IDD) elected as the first Green Party MEP in the West Midlands and an award for his work on anti-corruption to Roger Koranteng. In news from the current cohort, IDD students did a fantastic job in leading in the organisation of a conference in December 2018 and we report on their involvement in a campus-based internship programme.

Exciting news for 2020 from IDD! Over the past year, we've been working hard to develop two BA degrees: International Development and Politics, and International Relations and Development – both with options to study abroad for a year. Read about the content of these degree programmes and find out more on our website and during open days. Please share the news about this exciting development!

And more change to come... my last 'welcome to the IDD Annual Report' message

At the end of 2019, I will be stepping down as Head of IDD, as I will reach the end of my second 3-year term in this position. It's been an honour and delight to serve as Head of Department. I first joined IDD, then the Development Administration Group, in 1994, as a Research Associate, becoming a lecturer in 1998 before leaving for East Africa to work on fisheries management projects at the end of 2002. I became Head of Department five years after returning to the University in 2008. The last six years have seen the department grow in staff and student numbers, with our expertise in research and teaching in the politics of development having particularly grown in scope and reputation. This year's report demonstrates the vibrancy, collegiate spirit and hard work of all staff, students and alumni. I thank you all for your support over the past six years and wish Jonathan Fisher all the best in taking over the reins in January 2020.

Professor Fiona Nunan
Director, IDD

IDD's Nic Cheeseman has a rewarding year

Professor Nic Cheeseman's outstanding contribution to scholarship and impact has been recognised through two awards in the past year.

IDD is delighted to share the news of Nic Cheeseman's awards in the past year, marking his far-reaching and ongoing contribution to research and practice related to democracy and development.

Award by the UK Political Studies Association for outstanding professional achievement by a mid-career scholar

In April, Nic was awarded the Joni Lovenduski Prize for outstanding professional achievement by a mid-career scholar. The PSA stated in making the award that:

'The judges decided to award the prize to Nic for not only his incredibly impressive research achievements, but his significant contribution to the advancement of both African politics and African scholars. His student-focused commitment to attracting significant investments in scholarships while at Oxford University, and practical efforts to improve the research skills of early career researchers are highly commendable. Combined with a commitment to the role of academics in public life through engagement and impact work, Nic is an all-round outstanding scholar and therefore we believe a worthy winner of this prestigious award.'

ESRC Celebrating Impact Prize for Outstanding International Impact

In April, Nic learnt that he had, along with fellow researchers, been shortlisted for the ESRC Outstanding International Impact award. At a ceremony in July, he was duly awarded the prize for his contribution to 'safeguarding elections and strengthening accountability in new democracies'. The judges noted in particular his sustained engagement with the Westminster Foundation for Democracy, and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Department for International Development of the UK over a long period of time.



Nic Cheeseman receives the PSA award. Photo by Geoff Kirby, David Baird Photography.

The prize, which came with a cheque for £10,000 to fund further impact, was awarded to a team of researchers led by Nic, including IDD's Susan Dodsworth, Professor Gabrielle Lynch of the University of Warwick and Professor Justin Willis of the University of Durham. Their work was recognized for its contribution to our understanding of how to strengthen new democracies, and how to protect elections from manipulation. In particular, the team's academic and media publications have highlighted a diversity of strategies used by Presidents and incumbent governments to secure their stay in power – as set out in Nic and Brian Klaas' 2018 book 'How to Rig an Election'.

Through this research, the team developed 'Deep Election Monitoring' to track manipulation strategies used well ahead of elections and produced voting risk reports setting out how free and fair voting may be compromised. In his speech upon receiving the award, Nic paid tribute to team members working in African research institutions whose collaboration was essential to the success of these projects. He also pledged to use the prize money to build stronger ties with partners in new democracies in order to further enhance their ability to influence policy and shape the debate.

Follow Nic's work and that of his collaborators at www.democracyin africa.org

The use – and misuse? – of WhatsApp in an African election: Nigeria 2019

Dr Jonathan Fisher and Professor Nic Cheeseman report on their research funded by WhatsApp to investigate the use and influence of WhatsApp during an election campaign in Nigeria.

'Social media has changed the face of politics in Nigeria' – so said many political advisers, civil servants and civil society groups during fieldwork in Nigeria as part of a new WhatsApp-funded research project on the role of WhatsApp in Nigeria's February and March 2019 elections. Together with Idayat Hassan, Director of the Centre for Democracy and Development in Abuja, and Jamie Hitchen, the research team is using surveys, interviews and focus group discussions to get a better sense of how WhatsApp is used by political campaigns in Nigeria's elections, and how ordinary citizens receive and spread political messages via the app, 'fake news' or otherwise. In that regard, the project is aimed at exploring whether social media, in the form of WhatsApp, really has changed the face of Nigerian politics – and if so, how, for whom and with what results?

Nigeria is not, of course, the only country where WhatsApp, and other social media platforms, have been identified by analysts and observers as being central to the ways in which information on candidates is shared and believed. WhatsApp played a critical role in this regard in recent polls in India, Brazil and Malawi, just as other platforms – notably Facebook – did in the 2016 US presidential election and UK Brexit referendum. Research on the reach and influence of WhatsApp remains, nonetheless, in its early development – despite it being the most popular messaging app in the majority of African countries, including Nigeria. The aim of the project has therefore been to contribute to the growing field of study, much from Nigeria itself, emerging around this area.

The project aims to answer four key questions around the use of WhatsApp in Nigerian elections:

- How is the app used by political candidates, campaigns and supporters to tailor political messages to particular audiences, and with what impact?
- What strategies do different actors and communities use to disseminate messages via WhatsApp during elections?
- How far are voters actually influenced by political messages shared on WhatsApp?
- To what extent do voters distinguish between 'fake' and 'genuine' news spread on WhatsApp during elections?

To answer these questions the project team have been working with local researchers to

conduct a survey in the context of two of the most closely-fought gubernatorial races in the country: those in Kano (northern Nigeria) and Oyo (southwestern Nigeria). We have also undertaken 50 interviews with campaign strategists, advisers and candidates – as well as scholars and civil society and other stakeholders – in Abuja, Ibadan and Kano since February 2019, and seven focus group discussions with a range of groups and communities.

The research findings will be shared in Abuja and London later in 2019. Preliminary analysis suggests, though, that WhatsApp – like most technologies – largely amplifies networks, processes and forms of communication that already exist, for the better or the worse.



Being a post-doctoral researcher at IDD

Dr Raquel da Silva and Dr Sanne Weber describe their experience as post-doctoral research fellows and Dr Martin Ottmann on his experience as a Birmingham Fellow. IDD welcomes the opportunity to host post-doctoral researchers – see box for information on potential funding sources.



Raquel da Silva

I completed my PhD at the University of Birmingham, supervised by Dr Nick Lemay-Hebert, though was based in the School of Social Policy. I have been a British Academy postdoctoral fellow since September 2017. My research focuses on the narratives of intervention and statebuilding that send people into violent contexts, maintain their commitment and allow them to return (or not), as well as on the analysis of the life stories of returned foreign fighters and their families. More recently, my research has also come to focus on the impact of counterterrorism and prevention of violent extremism policies and measures on people's lives in both European and African contexts.

IDD is a very friendly department for early career researchers. I've received a lot of support from more experienced colleagues, who are always happy to offer feedback on early drafts of papers or on funding applications. IDD is also very supportive of academic and public engagement events. Since starting as a postdoctoral fellow, I have organised a guest seminar with the Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation, Max Hill QC, an ESRC Festival of Social Sciences event on Talking Terrorism with Young People, a workshop on Critical Narrative Approaches to International Relations and Security Studies and two other workshops in partnership with Sanne Weber. I have also been supported by the College Marketing and Communications team, the Press Office team and the Public Affairs team, helping me to promote research projects and events, reaching a wider audience, and to connect with relevant stakeholders.



Sanne Weber

After completing my doctoral research at the Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations at Coventry University, I was employed at IDD as a research fellow, working with Professor Paul Jackson. I found IDD to be an exciting environment where lots of interesting research is being done on the intersections of development, politics and conflict. I was therefore very happy to be given the opportunity to continue working for IDD, since September 2018 on my own research project, 'Gendering reconciliation: local reintegration from an international perspective', funded by a three-year Early Career Fellowship by the Leverhulme Trust.

Whereas my PhD research looked at the lived experiences of reparations for conflict and displacement in Colombia and the potential for transforming structures of gender inequality from the viewpoint of conflict survivors, my new project analyses the gendered and socio-economic dimensions of the reintegration of ex-combatants after armed conflict. Reintegration processes are intricately connected to development issues, which are often related to the reasons for armed groups' existence. My current research takes me back to Colombia, where the FARC is currently struggling to reintegrate and rebuild their lives. I'm also focusing on Guatemala, where I worked prior to starting my PhD. The methods I use for my research are qualitative, including interviews, ethnographic methods and participatory approaches which aim to generate a stronger research impact, in terms of influencing public policies but also benefiting the research participants by allowing them to guide the research so that it better fits their needs.



Dr Martin Ottmann

I have been a Birmingham Fellow in International Security based in IDD since November 2015. Such a fellowship runs over the course of five years and comes with protected time for research and reduced teaching load. For an early-career researcher, this was a unique opportunity. The fellowship allowed me to plan and carry out original, high-quality research. It also created the space to develop myself as a principal investigator and research team leader.

My research and teaching is within the broad area of civil wars, conflict resolution, and post-conflict development as well as research designs and methods of causal inference. During the Birmingham Fellowship, I particularly focused on my interest in power-sharing and the political economy of civil war and development. First, I further developed my work on a data collection I created: the Power-Sharing Event Dataset (PSED). It fills a crucial gap in our knowledge by recording – for the first time ever – the actual day-to-day power-sharing practices in the aftermath of civil war. Research emerging out of this has been published in *Conflict Management and Peace Science* and in an edited volume on 'Power-Sharing and Power Relations' published by Lynne Rienner Publishers.

Building on this foundation, I moved on towards an exploration of the patterns of resource redistribution in post-conflict countries. I secured a large grant from the German Research Foundation to support this work. One of the key achievements of this project was the investigation of the complex economic mechanisms underlying the relationship between power-sharing, violence, and peace. The Birmingham Fellowship also gave me sufficient time to meticulously refine my research papers and place them in prestigious journals.

Post-doctoral funding opportunities

British Academy: The British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship

These awards offer opportunities for outstanding early career researchers (no more than three years PhD) to strengthen their experience of research and teaching in a university environment. The primary emphasis is on completion of a significant piece of publishable research, which will be assisted by full membership of an academic community of established scholars working in similar fields.

Award value: Salary + £6,000 research expenses

Duration: Up to three years

Closing date: August/September (Outline), February/March (Full-Stage)

ISRF: Early Career Fellowship Competition

The Independent Social Research Foundation wishes to support independent-minded researchers to explore and present original research ideas which take new approaches, and suggest new solutions, to real world social problems.

Award value: Up to £55,000

Duration: Up to one year

Closing date: Usually March

ESRC: Postdoctoral Fellowship

These fellowships are aimed at those in the immediately postdoctoral stage of their career, to provide the opportunity to consolidate their PhD through developing publications, their networks, and their research and professional skills (see conditions for applications at esrc.ukri.org).

Award value: Salary Costs + Research

Expenses (typically £120,000)

Duration: One year

Closing date: March

The Leverhulme Trust: Early Career Fellowship

For early career researchers, with a research record but who have not yet held a full-time permanent academic post, to undertake a significant piece of publishable work. These Fellowships are intended to assist those at a relatively early stage of their academic careers (less than four years PhD).

Award value: Up to £93,000

Duration: Three years

Closing date: February/March each year

Schemes requiring Mobility

British Academy: Newton International Fellowship

The Newton International Fellowships enable early career researchers (less than seven years PhD) to work for two years at a UK institution with the aim of fostering long-term international collaborations. This scheme is open to non-UK residents only.

Award value: Up to £24,000 (tax free) per year for salary and up to £8,000 per year for expenses. **Duration:** two years

Closing date: March each year

EU: Marie Curie Individual Fellowships 2019

The goal of the Individual Fellowships is to enhance the creative and innovative potential of experienced researchers, wishing to diversify their individual competence in terms of skill acquisition through advanced training, international and intersectoral mobility. This scheme is open to individual's non-UK residents only if to be held at UoB.

Award value: Approximately £150,000

Duration: Up to two years

Closing date: September



Developmental Leadership Programme Phase III



This year sees the start of an exciting third phase of DLP (2019–2022) exploring the role of leadership in development. DLP is an international research initiative supported by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

What's new at DLP III?

DLP III returns to the original, core focus of DLP: leadership for development. During our consultation across the region in 2018 – which included visits to Suva, Jakarta and Honiara – we tested and refined this focus. The team were struck by how far and wide the theme of leadership for development was relevant to work being done on the ground – from the politics of regional leadership in the Pacific Islands, to local youth leadership as creating spaces for change in the Solomon Islands. Various stakeholders stressed that leadership is key to addressing many of the most complex, recurring problems across the region, from urbanisation, to state-building, to the climate crisis.

Working closely with the Department for Foreign Trade and Affairs (DFAT) team in Canberra, DLP subsequently narrowed its research focus to four questions that together we identified as key to understanding when and how leadership matters for development. These are: How is leadership understood in different contexts? Where do leaders come from? How do leaders collectively influence development? How can developmental leadership be supported?

To ensure DLP III builds on the best existing knowledge and research addressing these questions, the team produced four Foundational Papers that together provide an intellectual roadmap for the next phase. The team has also been working hard to share the call for proposals far and wide across the global North and South. Reaching out to a new network has required us to increase our online presence and engage more actively on a range of social media platforms (Instagram, Twitter and YouTube).

Enhancing and monitoring our impact is also central to the success of the next phase. In another exciting innovation, DLP will have its very own in-built PhD, which will focus on more rigorously tracing pathways between research and impact on policy and practice. Another key



DLP's first Foundational Paper discusses how is leadership understood in different contexts. Authored by Professor David Hudson and Dr Claire Mcloughlin.

change is flipping our approach to research outputs – moving away from long working papers, towards short, policy-oriented briefs, and a much greater focus on presenting our research to different audiences, via different media, alongside producing academic journal articles. All DLP III projects will produce a range of creative outputs to meet the changing landscape of research communications, and extend our outreach and engagement with specialists and non-specialists working on leadership for development.

DLP out and about across the region

DLP is already getting out and about through various high levels and events and conferences. We co-organised the Research for Development Impact Conference in Melbourne at La Trobe University in June 2019. This provided the ideal platform to launch DLP III in Australia. Our stand became a lively hub of the conference, thanks to the work of our new communications manager, Kyle Smith, in making it engaging and informative. David Hudson, Claire Mcloughlin and Chris Roche chaired a range of fascinating panels on leadership, and, together with our

local research partner in Indonesia – Cakra Wikara Indonesia (CWI) – also presented some brand new DLP research findings. This research examined perceptions of women's leadership in Indonesia based on a survey we conducted across five regions. One of the interesting findings was that telling respondents that 'other people view women as acceptable leaders' makes women express more support for women leaders, but creates a backlash among some men, who become more conservative in their views.

DLP also conducted a series of high level meetings with senior officials in DFAT, to understand more about their priorities, strategies and challenges. Over a four day visit to Canberra in June, the team held over 20 fascinating meetings with DFAT teams and posts, focused on identifying areas of direct interest where DLP could develop specific projects that can support programme design or evaluation and learning. These visits will continue twice annually, so that DLP can build on the genuine partnership with its funder as well as the wider potential audience for its research.

Over the next three years, DLP will continue to place strong emphasis on listening to stakeholder views, building strategic partnerships with organisations in the Asia-Pacific region, delivering rigorous, locally-led research, and disseminating it through cutting-edge communications. Through these activities, the new team aims to ensure DLP III meets its potential to shape the agenda around the vital, cross-cutting issue of leadership for development.

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How you can contribute

- Engage with DLP through our digital channels, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube and our new website.
- Look out for interesting think pieces/debates and forward them to us. We would like to remain connected and engage with new ideas.
- Disseminate DLP papers, discussion points and blogs to your local networks.
- Consider the process of developmental leadership in your own research and daily lives, it's a political process that requires a multifaceted approach.



The Developmental Leadership Program attends the Research For Development Impact Network conference in Melbourne, 2019 showcasing the latest synthesis research, publications and funding opportunity.

GSDRC team providing applied knowledge services to international development agencies

The Governance and Social Development Resource Centre (GSDRC) team is known for providing rapid response and in-depth reviews of current research to international development agencies in four core areas: governance, social development, humanitarian response and conflict.



Change in Manager of the GSDRC: farewell to Brian Lucas and welcome to Neringa Collier

This year the GSDRC team said goodbye to Brian Lucas who was the Manager of the Centre for the last 15 years. Brian has played an immense role in developing GSDRC into well-known centre for delivering rapid evidence and in-depth literature review services, professional development resources and tools supporting informal and organisational learning. He significantly expanded the services, subject areas and client base during his time at the GSDRC. We would like to thank Brian for all his contributions and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

Knowledge for Development Programme, K4D

Since 2016, the GSDRC has played a major role in supporting the UK Government's Department for International Development (DFID) through the 'Knowledge for Development' (K4D) programme led by the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex. GSDRC team members coordinate the rapid-response 'research helpdesk' service within the K4D programme, leading a team of 15 researchers (including five based at IDD) across six partner organisations covering the full range of subjects that DFID works on worldwide. Collectively, the

K4D team delivers an average of 20 research reports each month. GSDRC team members also support DFID organisational learning and professional development work through a series 'learning journeys' that involve convening workshops and discussions for DFID staff, as well as preparing other learning materials and literature reviews.

Conflict and instability analysis

GSDRC research fellow Sián Herbert specialises in conflict and (in)stability analysis for policymakers – mostly the European Commission, and also DFID and Australian Government. In this work she draws on the toolkits developed through the conflict sensitivity literature and provides a snapshot analysis of the key conflict actors, causes, dynamics and the conflict profile for the specific country, sub-region or conflict of her analysis. As the scope for conflict analysis has broadened to also include analysis of (in) stability, so has Sián's work. Her latest publications are listed in this report. She has also written a guide for practitioners on how to do conflict analysis.

Testing the Impact of Interventions on Migration Decision-Making in West Africa (MIGCHOICE) Project

MIGCHOICE project is a two year study on the nexus between development interventions and migration choices in West Africa which is led by Professor Richard Black. It focuses on delivering an evidence base to understand migration decision-making in Gambia, Guinea and Senegal that leads to both 'regular' and 'irregular' migration. In particular it will use a multi-method approach to systematically account for both the context-specific nature of the migration-development nexus as well as its

complex and non-linear features. The project is being delivered by a consortium of universities in the United Kingdom, West Africa and Europe. The research is anticipated to provide input which supports adaptive programming initiatives and learning activities undertaken by the IOM. The project is managed by the International Organization of Migration (IOM) with funding from DFID.

GSDRC research fellow Zenobia Ismail is a Project Manager and member of core management team for the project. The GSDRC is providing project management support for the research as well as developing the dissemination and learning strategy.

Work Based Learning Schemes for Youth Employment Creation

The GSDRC is conducting an evidence review on work-based learning schemes to support the Boosting Decent Employment for Africa's Youth partnership. Limited work-based learning (WBL) and mentorship opportunities are among the key barriers young Africans face when transiting from school to work. The focus of the review is to learn from the existing schemes, their effectiveness and barriers.

The synthesis review is looking to synthesize relevant literature, identify important case studies, highlight potential knowledge gaps, and elaborate lessons learnt, as well as propose new directions for policy, research and practice. The research is part of the Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth which is joint undertaking supported by the Dutch Knowledge Platform for Inclusive Development (INCLUDE), the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and the International Labour Organisation (ILO).



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About the GSDRC

The GSDRC has an extensive record of providing its distinctive demand-responsive research helpdesk service to development policy-makers and practitioners since 2001. The helpdesk delivers fast syntheses of research and evidence to support development agencies' policy and operational needs. The GSDRC also provides research support on demand to the Department for International Development (DFID), European Union and the Australian Government, covering a range of governance, social development, conflict, and humanitarian issues. Our work for the EU is primarily related to emerging conflicts and

crises around the world, and we have now published 24 country- or regional-level reviews of research on conflict, stability, and fragility for the EU and other clients. Our work for the Australian Government's aid programme addresses a wide range of governance and social development issues, often with a focus on the Asia-Pacific region but also supporting Australian development collaboration elsewhere in the world.

Stay up to date with GSDRC resources visit: www.gsdrc.org

What do I do as DFID's Senior Research Fellow (SRF) for Conflict and Governance?

Since June 2017, Professor Heather Marquette has been seconded to DFID one day a week as a Senior Research Fellow (SRF) for Governance and Conflict. Here she explains what this role entails.



The Senior Research Fellow initiative is a DFID-funded programme that embeds senior academic experts into Research and Evidence Division teams. I've done a two year term so far and am starting on my second term. Even though I'm not a civil servant, I'm a full staff member otherwise. It's been an interesting time to join. My first day was the UK's General Election, and I've seen four Secretaries of State so far.

What do I do as an SRF?

I sit with the Governance, Conflict, Inclusion and Humanitarian (GCIH) research team, while I'm line-managed by the Deputy Chief Scientist. I also work closely with the relevant 'cadres' and policy teams and, increasingly, with other cadres (such as Education or the Middle East and North Africa team) and with other parts of the UK government.

In terms of my day-to-day work, broadly I support the use of research and evidence in DFID's work. I help the GCIH team maximise the value of DFID research investments, both in terms of quality and impact. I advise on the development of new research business cases and help with horizon scanning and identifying

future research needs. I work with the Chief Scientist's Office and other SRFs to help support DFID as a leading commissioner and user of research/evidence. I help connect colleagues to the best research for their needs and contribute to the intellectual life of the Conflict and Governance cadres (and beyond where relevant). Finally, I bring my own expertise to relevant strategies and programmes.

Examples of what I've been involved with include helping in the development of two major new research programmes currently being commissioned, on Cross-Border Conflict and African Cities. I've worked with the GCIH team and the Uganda country office to run cross-portfolio learning with our governance researchers. I've advised on a range of policy issues, programmes and strategies, on a diverse range of subjects such as anti-corruption, serious organised crime, 'Thinking and Working Politically', innovation and security and justice, as well as contributing to major strategic refreshes on Africa, governance and stabilisation. Right now, I'm working with DFID colleagues, and with stakeholders across government, to think about what a major research investment on serious organised crime might look like.

How has the secondment affected my own research?

As someone who has done research on aid policy, it's really helped me understand what I know and what I used to think I know but now know I was wrong. It's helped me better understand how to communicate research in ways that policy makers really need it and like it. I had good networks in DFID before the fellowship, but these have been greatly strengthened and widened. The security clearance also means I'm able to be part of things that would be challenging as an outsider. Importantly, it's also helping me develop a new strand of research connecting my existing research on corruption with organised crime research, something I've always wanted to do. I absolutely love being part of the GCIH team, seeing the immediate impact of my work, learning good practice from other researchers (and bad practice too occasionally!) and seeing politics from the inside.



IDD Alumni News

Read about just some of the amazing achievements by IDD alumni in the past year.



Dr Imandeep Kaur

Huge congratulations to Immy on the award of honorary doctorate from Aston University for her work across Birmingham. Immy graduated from the University of Birmingham with an MSc International Development in 2011. Following graduation, Immy became an inter-faith fellow of the Tony Blair Faith Foundation and in 2014 she co-founded and has since been director of the Impact Hub Birmingham. In 2016 Immy won the Midlands UK Asian Business Women of the Year award and was from 2012 – 2017 the licensee, curator and producer of TEDxBrum. Great work Immy! Much deserved.



Dr Ellie Chowns

In May 2019, Ellie was elected the first ever Green Party MEP for the West Midlands region and has joined the EU Parliament's International Development and International Trade Committees. Ellie completed her PhD at IDD in 2013 and has since been a teaching fellow and lecturer in IDD as well as at the Universities of Bath and Sheffield and worked for the VSO. Many congratulations to Ellie. You can follow Ellie's political developments via her website www.elliechownsmep.org.uk



Dr Roger Koranteng

In December 2018, Roger was awarded the Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani International Anti-Corruption Excellence Award for his work on tackling corruption in both Commonwealth and non-Commonwealth countries. Roger completed his PhD in IDD in 2007 and has been working on governance and corruption issues in his role as adviser and head of public sector governance at the Commonwealth for more than a decade. In that time, he has established networks of anti-corruption agencies in Commonwealth Africa and the Caribbean that promote inter-agency collaboration and learning. In 2013 Roger was responsible for establishing the Commonwealth Africa Anti-Corruption Centre in Botswana which is the prime vehicle for building and strengthening the capacity of Anti-Corruption Agencies in Commonwealth Africa. In 2017, he collaborated with Grenada's Integrity Commission and Department of Public Administration and established a Regional Training Centre of Excellence there for the Caribbean Region. He is now working with African Development Bank to enhance the capacity of the Francophone Anti-Corruption Agencies through training and peer-to-peer learning as well as through annual review meetings. Congratulations Roger on the recognition of a career in anti-corruption work.

More Alumni news

Congratulations to Dr Kashif Rathore on his appointment as director of the Institute of Administrative Sciences, University of the Punjab, Lahore. Kashif completed his PhD from IDD in 2012. Read more about Kashif's work at <http://pu.edu.pk/faculty/description/33/Dr-Kashif-Rathore.html>

Congratulations to IDD alumni Achaleke Christian Leke and Pyone Thet Thet Kyaw who have been featured as two of 35 portraits to celebrate 35 years of the Chevening scholarships. Achaleka graduated from the MSc International Development in 2016 and is National Coordinator of Local Youth Corner Cameroon, an organisation that champions youth action for peace. Pyone, who graduated in 2011 with an MSc International Development, is founder and lead designer at Virya Myanmar, an ethical fashion brand based in Yangon. Check out their inspiring stories along with other Chevening scholars at www.35.chevening.org/changemakers

Alumni news

We would love to hear the news from any alumni and run an extensive network of country, regional and thematic alumni groups on facebook. Our main alumni group now has over 1,500 members, if you are not already a member, please do add yourself at www.facebook.com/groups/IDDBham and we invite you to also join the IDD group on LinkedIn www.linkedin.com/groups/4659939

If you have any news you'd like to share with the department and fellow alumni, please email IDD alumni coordinator Gareth Wall on: wallgareth@gmail.com

Postgraduate news

IDD students did a great job in leading in the organisation of a conference in December 2018 and here we report as well on student involvement in a campus-based internship programme.



IDD students who organised MIDC

The Midlands International Development Conference

On 1st December 2018, IDD students convened the first Midlands International Development Conference, a full day event designed to bring together an array of prominent academics and practitioners to discuss contemporary issues in international development. The theme for the conference – Human Development and Human Security: what are we doing right and what can we do better? – aimed to explore the challenges and possibilities of achieving real change on the ground for poor, disadvantaged and vulnerable people around the world. We were pleased to welcome Dr Duncan Green from Oxfam as the keynote speaker. Following the keynote address, delegates were able to choose from a selection of workshops, lectures and panel debates within three sub-themes on Conflict, Humanitarian Aid and Young People.

Thanks go to all our speakers: Dr Duncan Green (LSE), Dr Jonathan Fisher (IDD), Dr Kehinde Andrews (Birmingham City University), Dr David Cobley (IDD), Dr Joan McGregor, Dr Sanne Weber (IDD), Dr Helen Liebling (Coventry University), Dr Jennifer P. Eggert (Warwick University), Moustafa Osman (IDD), Anna Chernova (Oxfam), Ruth Richardson (Multi-faith Centre), Veronique Barbelet (ODI), Arnaud Badinier (Medecins Sans Frontieres), Richard Dove (World Vision) and Shahin Ashraf (Islamic Relief).

The day would not have been possible without the voluntary student team and photographer: Nathalie Hayes, Kristiana Černá, Fatima Joji, Heather Saranne, Karolina Schab, Salam Abu Fares, Janan Lewars, Marsha Perera, Maria Liszkai, Gareth Wall, Raneem Ayzoukey, Eleanor Wilson, Tiancheng Huang, Wiem Melki, Srijana Holland and Pixelise Me.

IDD students complete the Masters Campus-Based Team Internship programme

The Postgraduate Careers Network team organised for IDD Masters students to be involved in the campus-based team internship programme. The six to eight week programme involves students working on a real-life challenge or opportunity that an employer needs to address. Students are allocated to teams and each team works together to present their solutions to the employer. The panel then decides on the winning team/pitch, who are then presented with a prize.

In the two years Masters Campus-based Team Internship has been running, Oxfam set the first challenge for Masters Students. This year the Education and Employers Taskforce were involved in setting a challenge for Masters students. The Education and Employers Taskforce is a charity which works to inspire young people through a variety of programmes working in close partnership with leading national bodies, educational establishments, employers and the government/third sector. The charity presented students with a challenge around increasing awareness of the Inspiring Governance initiative, which aims to encourage people to become School Governors, with a focus on ways to increase diversity on governing boards.

Masters students involved were extremely keen to research and explore ways to support and promote this agenda as well as identify ways to overcome challenges this initiative may face. Students felt they gained a lot from this opportunity and felt the experience assisted them with their future careers.

New for 2020! Undergraduate programmes in international development

IDD is proud to be launching new BA degree programmes in 2020, designed to provide the next generation of graduates with core knowledge and skills needed to address global challenges.

Introducing IDD’s BA degrees

In September 2020, IDD will welcome its first cohort of undergraduate students. Working closely with the Political Science and International Studies department, which is located in the same school as IDD, we are now offering two undergraduate degree programmes, each with the opportunity to spend one year studying in another country. These programmes are:

- BA International Development and Politics
- BA International Development and Politics with Year Abroad
- BA International Relations and Development
- BA International Relations and Development with Year Abroad

What is different about IDD’s undergraduate degrees?

IDD has been providing postgraduate level teaching and training for decades and now, with increasing capacity in the department and responding to growing demand, we’ll be drawing on our expertise and passion for international development in providing undergraduate education.

Students will benefit from the vast experience of IDD staff in teaching, research and policy advice and from the following key features of the programmes:

- Dedicated study skills support to ensure that students do as well as they can throughout the programme.

- A Working in Development module, which introduces students to key principles, tools and approaches to working in international development and includes a paid-for study visit to a low- or middle-income country, giving students the opportunity to directly learn from practitioners and communities.
- The opportunity to undertake work experience as part of the Professional Development module in the final year.
- The degree will support students in further developing their critical thinking, analysis and other transferable skills so important as they pursue their careers.

	BA International Development and Politics	BA International Development and Politics BA International Relations and Development
Year 1	Introduction to international development	Introduction to international development
	Global development challenges	Global development challenges
	Politics of development	Politics of development
	Understanding politics	Introduction to International Relations Theory
	Introduction to political economy	Problems of World History
	Pathways to political research	Pathways to international relations research
Year 2	Understanding development assistance	Understanding development assistance
	Working in development	Working in development
	International political economy	International relations theory
	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Economic perspectives on development ▪ Governing states and societies and two modules from POLSIS 	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Economic perspectives on development ▪ Governing states and societies and two modules from POLSIS
Final year	Dissertation	Dissertation
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Find out more from our website and visit us on Open Days.
If you have questions, please email idd.ug.admissions@contacts.bham.ac.uk

IDD Staff

Academic staff and experience

IDD has over 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.

Dr Philip Amis PhD Kent – Urban studies and poverty, informal sector, local government, aid management and evaluation methods. Experience in East Africa and India.

Dr William Avis PhD Sheffield – urban governance and poverty, post-colonialism, identity and conflict in north east India and big data and the data revolution. Experience in East Africa and India.

Dr Danielle Beswick PhD Manchester – contemporary UK-Africa relations, UK Conservative Party and international development, select committee evidence, academic engagement with legislatures.

Dr Adrian Campbell PhD Brunel – power, organizations, public administration reform, human resources strategy, urban and regional governance, empires and rising powers; experience primarily in Russia, Ukraine and Central Asia.

Professor Nic Cheeseman PhD Oxford - Political scientist who works on democratization and international development, with particular expertise in sub-Saharan Africa and international efforts to promote democracy abroad.

Dr Eleanor Chowns Lecturer - Interests in public service delivery, collective action, aid policy and practice, NGOs, and evaluation.

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

Neringa Collier Masters Vilnius University – Manager of Governance and Social Development Resource Centre, focusing on delivery of rapid response research helpdesk services to our clients including DFID, Australian Government, EU and others.

Dr Laurence Cooley PhD Birmingham - Political scientist with interests including power sharing, census politics and the governance of sport in deeply divided societies. Recently completed an ESRC Future Research Leader fellowship.

Dr Rachel Cooper, PhD Newcastle University – Political scientist specialising in water politics, hydropower development and political ecology. Experience in the Mekong River Basin (particularly Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam) and Israel.

Dr Raquel da Silva PhD Birmingham – political violence, narratives of former politically violent militants and former foreign fighters, impact of Prevent in education. Currently a British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow.

Dr Niheer Dasandi PhD University College London – Political scientist focusing on the politics of developmental reform, the development-human rights relationship, measurement of state preferences in world politics, and the international political economy of development.

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 Susan Dodsworth PhD McGill – Political scientist focusing on the politics of development. Specializes in the unintended side-effects of new aid modalities in sub-Saharan Africa and the political economy of democracy promotion in developing states.

Dr Jonathan Fisher DPhil Oxon – African security, the politics of aid and intervention, Africa's place in the international system, knowledge construction in conflict, donor politics and post-liberation regimes, particularly in Eastern Africa.

Siân Herbert Masters Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO), Argentina – 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 PhD Sussex – expertise in development theory and distance learning. Interests in governance and the politics of development.

Professor David Hudson PhD University of Birmingham – political scientist focusing on the role of coalitions, leadership and power in reform processes; the drivers of global migration, finance and trade; surveys and experiments on how people in rich countries engage with global development issues.

Dr Iffat Idris PhD Hull – wide-ranging experience of working with international development organisations, notably UN System and World Bank. Current focus areas: modern slavery, humanitarian response, conflict analysis, violent extremism.

Zenobia Ismail M.Sc. Management (LSE), M.Sc. African Studies (Oxon). Interests in party politics, dominant party states and democratisation in southern Africa.

Professor Paul Jackson PhD Birmingham – political economist with 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 PhD Sciences Po Paris – peacebuilding and statebuilding, humanitarian interventions in post-conflict or post-disaster contexts, and local narratives of resistance to international interventions.

Dr Robert Leurs PhD Manchester – participatory development, strategies for rural development, methodologies of social analysis and the role of NGOs in development.

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

Professor Heather Marquette MA, PhD Dunelm – Senior Research Fellow (Governance and Conflict) with DFID's Research and Evidence Division (part-time secondment). Political scientist specialising in development politics, governance and corruption/anti-corruption, including attitudes and values, and aid policy.

Dr Claire Mcloughlin MA Leicester, PHD Birmingham – Director of Research at the Developmental Leadership Program (DLP). Focus on the politics of service delivery, sources of state legitimacy, and how leaders contest ideas and institutions.

Professor Fiona Nunan MA, PhD Birmingham – Environmental and natural resource governance, livelihoods and policy in developing countries, including institutional analysis and co-management. Focus on fisheries and coastal ecosystems in East Africa and South Asia.

Dr Martin Ottmann PhD University of Nottingham – political scientist with interests in civil wars, peace agreements and post-conflict transformations combining advanced statistical research methods with qualitative field research.

Willem van Eekelen MSc Rotterdam and Sussex – Development economist specialising in capacity and impact assessments of the development and humanitarian sectors and their various stakeholders.

Dr Sanne Weber, PhD Coventry – Transitional justice, gender equality, political violence and social justice in Latin America. Ethnographic, participatory and visual research methods.

IDD Associates

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

Emeritus Professor Richard Batley
The management and politics of service provision, non-state services, and public-private partnerships.

Dr Donald Curtis, Honorary Senior Research Fellow
Institutional development and governance, environmental management, and rural development

Emeritus Professor Ken Davey Local government, central local financial 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 – Public administration reform, decentralisation, and the reform of basic service delivery.

Dr Ita O'Donovan Urban local government, particularly strategic change, urban regeneration and public-private partnerships.

Emeritus Professor Carole Rakodi
Social scientist and urban planner

Dr John Watson, Honorary Senior Lecturer
Project analysis, delivery and evaluation.

Honorary Staff

Shivit Bakrania Honorary Research Associate
Specialist in conflict, security and development

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

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

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

Huma Haider
Honorary Research Fellow – 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.

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

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