Newsletter #7

Upcoming Events

RaD Conference 21-23 July 2010, University of Birmingham:
First announcement and call for papers

Religion shaping development: inspirational, inhibiting, institutionalised?

A major event organised by the Religions and Development Research Programme, this conference will bring together research findings that address three central questions and explore their policy and practice implications:

- How do religious values and beliefs drive the actions and interactions of individuals and faith-based organisations?
- How do religious values and beliefs and religious organisations influence the relationships between states and societies?
- In what ways do faith communities interact with development actors and what are the outcomes with respect to the achievement of development goals?

The first two days of the conference will concentrate on the presentation and discussion of research findings. The final day will explore the implications of the research undertaken during the Religions and Development Research Programme in India, Pakistan, Nigeria and Tanzania with policy makers, practitioners and development agencies. Participants may attend either or both parts of the conference.

21st-22nd July, 2010
Progressive, paradoxical, pragmatic: exploring religion and human development

23rd July, 2010
Religious organisations and development agencies: possibilities, partnerships and pitfalls – a dialogue
**Call for papers**
In addition to plenary sessions with invited speakers, a series of panel sessions will be held on a number of themes. Papers are invited on any of these themes. Please visit the [RaD Website](http://www.rad.org.uk) for more information.

There is no conference fee, but panel presenters and other participants must be able to meet their own travel and accommodation costs.

**Registration**
Registration for the conference and accommodation booking will open on 1st December 2009.

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**Related Events**

**Tony Blair Faith Foundation Seminars**

**New perspectives on faith and development: evening seminar series in London Sept-Nov 2009**

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**Recent Events**

**DFID Seminar 1st June 2009**
The post-conflict team presented research findings from India, Pakistan and Nigeria to a lunchtime seminar at DFID on 1st June. The event was well attended and a lively discussion ensued.

**Religious teaching and values and beliefs relevant to development in Nigeria, Seminar at London Metropolitan University 12th June 2009**
Presentations from Tamsin Bradley (LMU), Pauline Mark-Lere (University of Jos), Helen Labeodan (University of Ibadan), Lateef Abbas (University of Ibadan).

**Faith and Development Leaders’ Meeting, Accra, Ghana, 1-2 July 2009**
Professor Carole Rakodi, Director of the RaD Research Programme, was invited to participate and to contribute to a session on the role of faith-inspired groups in advocacy. She shared some findings from the current RaD action research in Nigeria and Tanzania, in which local teams are working with Christian and Muslim organisations to

Publications

RaD Working Paper Series
Two new working papers have recently been published:


All of our working papers can be accessed via our website by following the Working Papers link. Hard copies can be purchased from £5. Please contact Carol Fowler at: 0121 414 4986 or C.A.Fowler@bham.ac.uk for further details.

In addition, we have a number of forthcoming working papers that will be published in 2009, so keep checking our website for new publications.

Other News

We are pleased to welcome a new administrator to the team, Tom Carney. Tom will provide additional administrative support while Courtney Dobson, the Programme Manager, is on maternity leave from September 2009 – June 2010.

Please feel free to forward this newsletter to others who might be interested in the work of the Religions and Development programme

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