EVENTS

The first annual Piers Blaikie Lecture on Politics of the Environment will be held on 18th July 2011. The lecture will be held at the Thomas Paine Lecture Theatre on the UEA Campus (Norwich) from 5-6.30pm. This inaugural lecture will be presented by Melissa Leach, Professorial Fellow at IDS, Sussex. Contact Abby Dalgleish a.dalgleish@uea.ac.uk for more information.

Dr Laura Camfield will be presenting a paper with Dr Keetie Roelen at the EADI-DSA General Conference in September 2011 on ‘Rethinking Development in an Age of Scarcity and Uncertainty’. They will present in the multi-dimensional poverty panel on ‘Life Trajectories in rural Ethiopia – what can a mixed method approach tell us?’

DEV’s Global Environmental Justice Research Group will host a public debate at UEA London on ‘Does REDD+ make international forestry more just?’ on Wednesday July 20th 2011, 6-8pm. This is a public debate with a drinks reception. Register with Peter Quinn p.quinn@uea.ac.uk for this free event.

UEA’s HIV and Development Group, and the Health Economics and HIV/AIDS Research Division (HEARD) at the University of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa, are hosting their second conference on ‘The Structural Drivers of HIV’ on September 8-9th at UEA. Follow the link for registration details.

RESEARCH OUTPUTS

Books/Book Chapters


Articles


Lydia Munyi (DEV research student and associate tutor) (2011) A Critical Examination of the extractive industry transparency initiative: How can it benefit the poor in mineral dependent economies? Re-public online journal.


Research Reports

Dr Roger Few and Dr Jenni Barclay’s report from their research on ‘Societal Impact of Natural Hazards – A review of International Research Funding’ has been published. This UKCDS research, in collaboration with a range of UK Research Councils, reviewed the international landscape of support for research on societal impacts of natural hazards, and draws out lessons and insights to inform strategic development for future research investment in this field. The report can be downloaded here.

Working Papers

Dr Edward Anderson. Aid Fragmentation and donor transaction costs. This working paper uses econometric analysis to show that the fragmentation of bilateral donors’ aid across multiple recipients tends to raise administration costs. It suggests that bilateral donors could be more specialised in their giving, thereby reducing their administration costs, but without affecting the total amount of aid received by each recipient.

Dr Ben D’Exelle, Judith Westeneng. The Influence of Fertility and Household Composition on Female Labor Supply: Evidence from Panel Data on Tanzania. This paper presents a study of the impact of fertility on female time allocation to income-generating activities in Northern Tanzania.

Dr Tim Daw and Professor Katrina Brown, Dr Sergio Rosendo, Professor Robert Pomeroy. Applying the ecosystem services concept to poverty alleviation: The need to disaggregate human wellbeing. Drawing on coastal and marine ecosystem services examples, this paper argues for a need to distinguish between different beneficiaries of different ecosystem services, and consider how the wellbeing of each is enhanced before the significance of ecosystem services to poverty alleviation can be fully understood.

Dr Bereket Kebede, Professor Daniel Zizzo. Envy and Agricultural Innovation: An Experimental Case Study from Ethiopia. This discussion paper by the Centre for Behavioural and Experimental Social Science (CBESS) at UEA draws on ESRC funded research exploring the underlying motivations for envy, or related social preferences, and their impact on agricultural innovations.
NEW RESEARCH GRANTS

Dr Colette Harris has secured an Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) grant to study ‘Religion, Identity & Violence in Kaduna State, Nigeria’. Building on previous research in this area in Nigeria this impact project will train project participants – youth and women’s groups - in outreach and pedagogical skills in order to communicate the lessons learnt to the wider community.

Professor Rhys Jenkins has won Research Fellowship funding from The Leverhulme Trust. The research will look at ‘The Impact of China’s Global Expansion on Sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America’.

Professor Peter Lloyd-Sherlock, in conjunction with the 10/66 Dementia Research Group at Kings College London, has received funding from the ESRC to study the economic and social effects of care dependency on households containing older people in Peru, Mexico, Nigeria and China.

Dr Mark Zeitoun is doing a DFID Systematic Review: ‘Do Institutional Mechanisms for Water Resources Management Result in more Equitable, Sustainable and Efficient Allocation and use of Water Resources in Terms of Improved Resilience of Poor People to Floods and Droughts?’ This research

Professor Peter Newell is conducting a ‘Latin America Regional Research Mapping’ for the Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN). This research will identify and synthesise existing scoping surveys on climate change and development research priorities, capacities, and partnerships in the region. A summary and analysis of key priorities areas and research gaps will be provided.

CONSULTANCY

Dr Roger Few, Dr Danny McAvoy and Dr Marcela Tarazona have been contracted to work on an Oxfam GB project: ‘Measuring the Impact of Aid Agency Programmes in Rapid Onset Natural Disasters’. This two year project will research, pilot and develop a ‘Good Enough Guide’ (GEG) approach and supporting tools to measure the impact of aid agency response programmes to rapid onset emergencies. DEV will provide input on research methodology and measurement of impact.

Dr Emma Gilberthorpe is working with Forte Energy, a mining company with prospective mining interests in Guinea. Dr Gilberthorpe is supporting a socio-economic and health impact assessment of the immediate community, with a view to ongoing support as mining activities progress.

NEW AND FORTHCOMING COURSES/ACTIVITIES

The following UEA based short courses will run during the next quarter: Impact Evaluation for Evidence-Based Policy in Development (4th-15th July); Management Information Systems for Monitoring and Evaluation (15-26th August); Climate Change and Development (31st August-13th September);

NEW STAFF

Dr Heike Schroeder has joined DEV as Senior Lecturer in Climate Change and International Development. She will be analysing global environmental politics and forest governance, particularly the role of non-state actors in the current post-2012 negotiating process on avoiding deforestation (REDD). From 2007-2011 Heike was Tyndall Senior Research Fellow, and an Oxford Martin Senior Fellow in forest governance at the Environmental Change Institute, University of Oxford. She is also currently a member of the Scientific Steering Committee of the long-term international research project on Earth System Governance under the auspices of the International Human Dimensions Programme (IHDP) on Global Environmental Change.

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