

# LIDC NEWS AND VIEWS

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**LIDC tackles international development challenges in pioneering ways by bringing together more than 2,000 social and natural scientists, postgraduate students and alumni from the University of London's six Bloomsbury Colleges. The Colleges involved in the interdisciplinary initiative are Birkbeck College, Institute of Education (IoE), London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), Royal Veterinary College (RVC), School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), and The School of Pharmacy.**

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## LIDC NEWS



**Happy holiday from all of us here at LIDC!**



### **New post on the LIDC blog: health system essential for tackling HIV/AIDS**

In her post on the LIDC blog, Dina Balabanova of London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine shares her message for World AIDS Day: Get your health system sorted out!

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### **LIDC-ONE debate 'From Research to Advocacy - bridging the gap'**

LIDC partnered with a campaigning NGO ONE to jointly explore how advocacy and

research can work together to influence policy in international development. Chris Whitty from DFID, Angela Little of the Institute of Education and Jamie Drummond of ONE discussed whether policy must always be evidence-based, and if it is acceptable for researchers to be advocates – among others. A summary of the debate and a podcast will be posted on the LIDC website shortly.

### **3ie-LIDC seminar series 'What works in international development' - The attribution of cause and effect in 'small n' impact evaluation**

The 3ie-LIDC seminar explored the challenge of evaluating one-off interventions, or interventions where a large sample is not available.

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### **LIDC and Royal African Society host a debate on 'Beyond Aid. Britain, Africa and Agriculture – who Benefits?'**

Christie Peacock, former CEO of FARM-Africa, Mark Thomas from DFID, and Karima Ola from the African Development Corporation discussed how to make agricultural trade between Britain and Africa work to mutual benefit.

A podcast will be available shortly.

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### **Academics from Bloomsbury Colleges discuss development challenges in Somalia across disciplines**

Economists, lawyers, vets and public health experts gathered at LIDC for a half-day workshop to discuss development challenges in Somalia and Somaliland. A summary and presentations will be published on the LIDC website shortly.

## **DEVELOPMENT NEWS FROM BLOOMSBURY COLLEGES**

### **30 November - RVC awarded for most improved student experience**

The Royal Veterinary College has been announced the UK Higher Education Institution with the Most Improved Student Experience.

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### **25 November - RVC receive funding to teach epidemiology course in China**

The Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health Group at RVC has received funding of \$244,300.00 to teach as part of a 2-year FETPV (field epidemiology training programme for veterinarians) course in China, coordinated by FAO and funded by USAID, Canada's CIDA as well as China's Ministry of Agriculture.

### **24 November - IOE to support education development in Colombia**

The Institute of Education will provide support for raising teaching standards and enhancing research in Colombia, under two new memoranda of understanding.

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### **23 November – SOAS undergraduate wins Guardian International Development Journalism Award**

A second-year undergraduate history student at SOAS has won a top prize in the Guardian's International Development Journalism Competition.

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### **18 November - Art comes to the rescue of medical science**

Could a 40-second clay animation of a cartoon character with a hole in his side, designed and created in a student's bedroom, save thousands of lives? This is what injury

researchers at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine are banking on with the help of "TRAN-MAN".

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### **10 November - Launch of collaborative infection research institute**

The Bloomsbury Institute for Pathogen Research (BiPR), a joint venture between UCL and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), has been launched.

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### **3 November – SOAS academic wins major prize for outstanding scholarship in African film and literature**

Dr Lindiwe Dovey has been awarded a prestigious Philip Leverhulme Prize for her work in African and postcolonial film and literature.

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### **1 November - Encouraging early malaria vaccine results, but much work still to do**

News that the RTS,S vaccine has been found in trials to halve the risk of malaria in children attracted headlines around the world recently. In this analysis, Dr Colin Sutherland, Reader in Parasitology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, takes a closer look at what the results mean and asks where we do we go from here?

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## **UPCOMING DEVELOPMENT EVENTS AT BLOOMSBURY COLLEGES**

### **1-9 DECEMBER:**

#### **LSHTM Gender Violence and Health Centre - Human trafficking: health or criminal law - who owns the issue?**

5 December 2011, 12.45 pm - 2 pm, LSHTM, Jerry Morris Room B, 15-17 Tavistock Place  
Speaker(s): Cathy Zimmerman and Sian Oram, LSHTM

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#### **LSHTM Global Health Lecture Series: Maternal mortality**

5 December 2011, 5.15 pm, LSHTM, John Snow Lecture Theatre, Keppel Street  
Speaker(s): Oona Campbell, Professor of Epidemiology and Reproductive Health, LSHTM

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#### **HIV/Aids and Disability**

6 December 2011, 12.45 pm - 2 pm, LSHTM, Jerry Morris A, Tavistock Place

Speaker: Myroslava Tataryn

Myroslava has served as Advisor on Disability and AIDS for the international AIDS-advocacy organisation, AIDS-Free World, since 2008 and currently sits on their Advisory Board.

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#### **Juliet Davenport - a vision for low-carbon energy production**

6 December 2011, 6 pm – 8 pm, Birkbeck, Room B36, Malet Street

An alumna of Birkbeck, Juliet will talk about her experience of the UK energy market and her vision for low-carbon energy production in the context of the UK Climate Change Act and the current United Nations Climate Change Conference in Durban.

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#### **Inaugural Conference on Iran's Economy, 2011**

7 -8 December 2011, SOAS, Brunei Gallery

The newly formed International Iranian Economic Association (IIEA) is pleased to announce its first international conference on Iran's Economy to be held at the London Middle East Institute at SOAS.

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### **Understanding the Role of Global Corporations: The Contribution of Development Education**

7 December 2011, 5 pm, LIDC, 36 Gordon Square

Speaker: Andy Egan, Director, Symbio & former Director, People & Planet

This seminar will consider the findings of research with DECs and NGOs and provide a forum to discuss the contribution that development education can make in building understanding of the role and power of global corporations in society.

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### **Famine Relief Diaspora-Style. The Somali response to the 2011 crisis**

7 December 2011, 5 pm – 7 pm, SOAS, room G51

Speaker: Laura Hammond, Development Studies, SOAS

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### **Everyday Life and Education of Women in Azerbaijan**

8 December 2011, 5 pm – 7 pm, SOAS, room G50

Speaker: Dr Tamara Sivirtseva, Independent Scholar, Associate Member of Center for East European and Russian/Eurasian Studies, the University of Chicago

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### **Does teacher subject knowledge matter? Exploring teacher math knowledge and learner achievement in low and high performing schools in Kenya**

8 December 2011, 5.15 pm – 6.30 pm, LIDC, 36 Gordon Square

Speaker: Dr Moses Oketch, Institute of Education

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### **LSHTM Gender Violence and Health Centre - Violence in conflict-affected settings**

8 December 2011, 12.45 pm - 2 pm, LSHTM, Mary Seacole Room

Speaker(s): Mazedha Hossain and Anna Foss, LSHTM

Two talks:

- Looking beyond sexual violence - women's and men's experiences of violence in Cote d'Ivoire
- Sexual violence and conflict in Africa - prevalence and potential impact on HIV incidence

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### **Violence, Memory and Commemoration: Perspectives from Southern, Eastern and Central Africa**

9 December 2011, 1 pm – 6.30 pm, Birkbeck, Clore Management Centre, CLO G01

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### **Constitutions, Institutions and Democracy in the Middle East**

9 December 2011, 6 - 8 pm, Birkbeck, room 541, Malet Street

Speaker: Prof. Sami Zubaida, Birkbeck College

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### **LSHTM Gender Violence and Health Centre - An overview of intimate partner violence in Brazil: evidence and policy**

9 December 2011, 12.45 pm - 2 pm, LSHTM, Jerry Morris Room B

Speaker(s): Ligia Kiss, LSHTM

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**From Crops to Meals: The Material and Symbolic Journey of Guinean Food to Europe and its Role in Bridging Distances**

9 December 2011, 2.45 pm, SOAS, room 4418

Speaker: Maria Abranches, Doctoral Candidate, Sussex Centre for Migration Research, University of Sussex

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**12 - 16 DECEMBER 2011:**

**LSHTM Global Health Lecture Series - Health systems**

12 December 2011, 5.15 pm, LSHTM, John Snow Lecture Theatre, Keppel Street

Speaker(s): Anne Mills, Vice-Director and Professor of Health Economics and Policy

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**LSHTM Global Health Lab Series - Is the welfare state sustainable with an ageing society?**

13 December 2011, 5.15 pm - 6.45 pm, LSHTM, John Snow Lecture Theatre, Keppel Street

Speaker(s): Peter Lloyd-Sherlock, University of East Anglia, Astrid Walker Bourne, HelpAge International and Athina Vlachantoni, University of Southampton

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**Between 1989 and 2011: From Velvet Revolution to Arab Spring**

14 December 2011, 5 pm, SOAS, room G3

Speaker: His Excellency Mr. Michael Zantovsky

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**An Islamic Philosophy of Education: Problems and Possibilities**

14 December 2011, Institute of Education, Room 828

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**Journal of Environmental Law's Annual Lecture: Liability for Damages in Oil Spill Accidents: Evaluating the United States and International Law Regimes**

15 December 2011, 6 pm - 8 pm, SOAS, Brunei Gallery

Speaker: Professor Thomas J Schoenbaum, George Washington University

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**EXTERNAL**

**Neglected disease research and development: Is innovation under threat? Global Launch of the G-FINDER 2011 report**

8 December 2011, 10.30 am - 12.30 pm, London, Academy of Medical Sciences, John Newsom-Davis CR/CC

Speakers: Dr Javier Guzman, Policy Cures; UK Department for International Development; sanofi-aventis; Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; Tuberculosis Vaccine Initiative (TBVI)

Chair: Andrew Jack, Financial Times

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**COURSES, GRANTS AND VACANCIES AT BLOOMSBURY COLLEGES**

**SOAS vacancies**

**Lecturer / Senior Lecturer in Politics and International Studies (Research Methods)**

Deadline: 14 December 2011

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**Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in the International Security of East Asia**

Deadline: 15 January 2011

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**LSHTM vacancies**

**Research Fellow in Evidence in Disability**

Deadline: 12 December 2011

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**Epidemiologist: Karonga Prevention Study**

Deadline: 19 December 2011

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**Environmental Health Group Monitoring & Evaluation Officer**

Deadline: 20 December 2011

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**Deputy Director - Chief Systematic Reviews, The International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie)**

Deadline: 30 December 2011

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**Research Fellow in Epidemiology/Social Science/Demography – Ethiopia**

Deadline: 2 January 2012

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**Research Fellow in Epidemiology/Social Science/Demography – India**

Deadline: 2 January 2012

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**Research Fellow in Epidemiology/Social Science/Demography – Nigeria**

Deadline: 2 January 2012

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**Research Fellow-Lecturer in Medical Statistics (based in Tanzania)**

Deadline: 4 January 2012

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**THIS MONTH IN DEVELOPMENT NEWS HEADLINES**

This month's headlines are dominated by **climate** (Rio+ 20 agenda) and sombre news from the funding front, as the economic crisis makes donors **reduce funds**. **World AIDS Day** 2011 brought mixed news: drugs save lives, but infections are still rising. **Somalia famine** is subsiding, although the situation is still far from stable. **Cholera** is killing hundreds Haitians every month.

**Selected headlines:**

**Scientists unite to put drylands on Rio+20 agenda**

SciDev

**HIV/AIDS: Delayed Global Fund money a sign of economic times**

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**[Hiv numbers hit new high as AIDS drugs save lives](#)**

AlertNet

**[US funding freeze threatens UNESCO's science](#)**

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**[Somalia famine eases but situation is still 'fragile'](#)**

The Guardian

**[Cholera killing hundreds a month in Haiti](#)**

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