

LIDC NEWS AND VIEWS

January 2012



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 New Year from all of us here at LIDC!

Are you an LIDC member working in international development? Share your experience with SOAS students!

LIDC and the SOAS Careers Office are organising a networking event for SOAS Master's students willing to embark on a career in international development. We are looking for LIDC members currently working in a development role who are willing to talk to students about their work and offer career tips over a drink at a networking reception.

Time: 26 January, 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm, at the SOAS Brunei Gallery.

If interested, RSVP to anna.marry@lidc.bloomsbury.ac.uk.

If you are a SOAS student willing to attend, please contact careers@soas.ac.uk.

LIDC and the ESRC Doctoral Training Centre launch a new interdisciplinary seminar series for students

LIDC has the pleasure to invite Bloomsbury students to a brand new series of interdisciplinary seminars on key development issues, 'Understanding Development'. The seminar starts on 11 January 2012 and will continue on a weekly basis, every Wednesday afternoon.

[Read more and RSVP](#)



New LIDC podcast 'World AIDS Day 2011 - What have we learned; what are our hopes?'

The December 2011 episode of Development Matters, the podcast of the London International Development Centre, is on HIV/ AIDS Day. LIDC talked to two Bloomsbury Colleges experts on the subject: Deborah Johnston, Senior Lecturer in Development Economics at the School of Oriental and African Studies; and Peter Godfrey-Faussett, Professor of International Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and consultant physician at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases.

[Read more and download the podcast](#)



Do microenterprises create jobs? 3ie-LIDC seminar explores

Encouraging microenterprises to employ staff is cost effective, and jobs are kept even after initial subsidies have stopped. – concluded Chris Woodruff of Warwick University at the latest 3ie-LIDC seminar "What works in international development".

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DEVELOPMENT NEWS FROM BLOOMSBURY COLLEGES

4 January - Knighthood for LSHTM's Brian Greenwood

Distinguished malaria expert Professor Brian Greenwood has been knighted in the New Year Honours list for his services in tackling the disease in Africa. Congratulations!

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4 January – RVC scientists urge balance in the war on antimicrobial resistance

Scientists are urging policymakers to reconsider priorities in efforts to understand and control antimicrobial resistance. The new research was led by Royal Veterinary College Principal Professor Stuart Reid in his previous position at the University of Glasgow.

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4 January - New MSc in global mental health launched

The first face-to-face taught MSc in Global Mental Health in the world has just been

launched by the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and King's College London Institute of Psychiatry.

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23 December - SOAS Sri Lanka report helps Norway improve its peace work

The Norwegian government commissioned an independent evaluation led by Gunnar Sørnbø, from the Chr. Michelsen Institute, and Dr Jonathan Goodhand, a Reader in Conflict and Development Studies at SOAS, to assess Norway's role in the Sri Lankan peace process.

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22 December - Eyes on the patient - improving the treatment of trachoma

Newly-published research from London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine has identified ways of improving the lives of trachoma patients by studying alternatives to surgery to save their sight and evaluating aftercare.

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20 December - VETAID success in responding to Kenyan Disaster Emergency, with your help

In response to the ongoing drought in Northern Kenya, Vetaid (Kenya) has mounted an emergency response part funded by over £12,000 raised through a Royal Veterinary College (RVC) appeal supported by LIDC. Many thanks to all LIDC members who contributed!

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19 December – SOAS' Dr Lerche wins grant to study working poor in China and India

Dr Jens Lerche of the Development Studies Department and his associates have been awarded a £362,778 grant for a research project into labour conditions and the working poor in China and India.

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15 December – LIDC member from Birkbeck Patrick McAuslan celebrates 50 years in law and development

LIDC congratulates Patrick for this impressive achievement and wishes him all the best in his future projects.

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13 December – LSHTM study highlights serious problem of hospital-acquired infections in Africa

A new study highlights the scale of the problem of hospital-acquired infections in sub-Saharan Africa, suggesting they could contribute to one in 20 deaths of children in hospitals.

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**An old new green revolution for Africa? The politics and ethics of seed in
Zambian history and its relevance today**

Tuesday, 10 January 2012, 12.45 - 2 pm, LSHTM, Jerry Morris B, 15-17 Tavistock Place
Speaker(s): Andrew Bowman, PhD. Candidate, Centre for the History of Science,
Technology and Medicine, Manchester University; Editor, Manchester Mule; Web Editor,
Red Pepper

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What is development? LIDC-DTC seminar series for students

Wednesday, 11 January 2012, 3.30 - 5.30 pm, LIDC, Upper Meeting Room (103), 36
Gordon Square

Speakers: Dr Arnab Acharya, LSHTM; Prof Ben Fine, SOAS

This seminar is part of the new series of interdisciplinary seminars on key development
issues, 'Understanding Development'.

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Groundhog Aid? The Challenge of Humanitarian Reform

Wednesday, 11 January 2012, 6.30 pm, SOAS, Brunei Gallery

Speakers: Randolph Kent, Humanitarian Futures Programme and Kazuhiko Sakamoto,
UNHCR; chaired by Simon Levine, Overseas Development Institute

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Law and Development: Patrick McAuslan's Odyssey 1961-2011

Thursday, 12- 13 January 12, Birkbeck, Room 101, 30 Russell Square

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**Marriage, motherhood and masculinity in the global economy: an emerging
crisis in social reproduction?**

Thursday, 12 January 2012, 5 pm, SOAS, room 4421

Speakers: Professor Naila Kabeer, Department of Development Studies, SOAS

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From Farming to Agriculture to Globalization

Thursday, 13 January 2012, 1.15 pm, SOAS, room 4418

Speakers: Henry Bernstein, Emeritus Professor of Development Studies and Professorial
Research Associate of the Food Studies Centre, SOAS

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Communicating with crisis affected populations: the infoasaid initiative

Wednesday, 18 January 2012, 5-7 pm, SOAS, room G3

Speakers: Jonathan Robert Shaw, Broadcast Engineer, BBC World Service; Anita Shah,
Head of infoasaid project; Robert Powell, Local Media Officer, infoasaid - Editor of the

Media and Telecoms Landscape guides

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Education and International Development Seminar Series 'Is there a new space in which to understand and improve teacher quality? Applying the Capability Approach to teachers in Tanzania'

Wednesday, 18 January 2012, 5.15 – 6.30 pm, LIDC

Speaker: Sharon Tao, Institute of Education

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Domesticating the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) in state, government and society: A case study of Pakistan's implementation of CEDAW

Thursday, 19 January 2012, 5.30 – 7 pm, SOAS, room G51

Speakers: Professor Shaheen Sardar Ali, Warwick University

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Weathering the Weather? – Community Resilience in an Unstable Climate

Thursday, 19 January 2012, 6.30 – 8.30 pm, SOAS, room BGLT

Speakers: Kan Hiroshi Sato, Institute of Developing Economies, Japan; John Twigg, University College London; and Jin Sato, Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia, University of Tokyo

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The Global Water and Food Security Challenge: Sustainable Intensification and Local and Global Food Supply Chains?

Friday, 20 January 2012, 1.15 – 2.45 pm, SOAS, room 4418

Speakers: Tony Allan, Professor of Geography, King's College London, and Professorial Research Associate, DeFiMS and Development Studies, SOAS

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Modelling and Managing the Risks of Commodities and Food Prices in a Changing World – Birkbeck conference

Friday, 20 January 2012, all day, One Moorgate Place, London EC2R 6EA

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Development and Development Education conference

Monday, 23 January 2012, 10.30 am – 4.30 pm, IoE, The Jeffery Hall, Bedford Way

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Global Health Lab: What has feminism done for global health?

Tuesday, 24 January 2012, 5.15 pm – 6.45 pm, LSHTM, John Snow Lecture Theatre

Speaker(s): Andrea Cornwall, University of Sussex; Marsha Rosengarten, Goldsmiths; Cathy Zimmerman, LSHTM

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3ie-LIDC Seminar Series: Microfinance at the Margin: Experimental Evidence

from Bosnia and Herzegovina

Wednesday, 25 January 2012, 5 - 6.30 pm, LIDC Upper Meeting Room (103)

Speaker: Britta Augsburg, Institute of Fiscal Studies

Discussant: Maren Duvendack, Overseas Development Institute

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Careers & Networking Reception for LIDC members and SOAS students

Thursday, 26 January 2012, 6.30 – 8.30 pm, SOAS, Brunei Gallery

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Did Food Prices Plant the Seeds of the Arab Spring?

Friday, 27 January 2012, 1.15 – 2.45 pm, SOAS, room 4418

Speaker: Jane Harrigan, Professor of Economics, SOAS

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Inclusion and Participation: a New Agenda for the Globalised Economy

Wednesday, 1 February 2012, 6.30 – 9 pm, SOAS, Brunei Gallery

Speaker: Heiner Flassbeck, Director on Globalization and Development Strategies, UNCTAD

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COURSES, GRANTS AND VACANCIES AT BLOOMSBURY COLLEGES

ESRC Studentships 2012

The Bloomsbury Doctoral Training Centre (DTC) is accredited by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC): one of only 21 such centres across the UK. The members, all colleges of the University of London, are the Institute of Education, Birkbeck, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the School of Oriental and African Studies. The Bloomsbury DTC will award 30 PhD studentships across ten academic clusters, starting in October 2012.

The deadline for receipt of completed ESRC applications is 27 February 2012.

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External internship opportunity for students - Intern, Civil Society Programme - Commonwealth Foundation (paid)

Closing date: 13 January 2012

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IOE vacancies:

Programme Administrator (0.6fte) – MA Development Education

Faculty of Policy and Society

Closing date: 13 January 2012

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LSHTM vacancies:

IDEAS Research Fellow - Literature Review (maternal and newborn health)

Faculty of Public Health & Policy
Closing date: 17 January 2012

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Research Assistant - Sanitation and Health (part-time)

Faculty of Infectious & Tropical Diseases
Closing date: 22 January 2012

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Senior Appointment in Emerging Infectious Disease

Faculty of Infectious & Tropical Diseases
Closing date: 1 February 2012

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SOAS vacancies:

Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in the International Security of East Asia

Department of Politics & International Studies
Closing date: 15 January 2012

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THIS MONTH IN DEVELOPMENT NEWS HEADLINES

December headlines were dominated by climate and HIV/ AIDS, with the Durban conference and World AIDS Day. Funding cuts were reported as threatening to undermine achievements both with respect to HIV/ AIDS and malaria.

Selected headlines:

[New reports on climate change impact in 10 developing countries](#)

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[Climate talks end with late deal](#)

BBC News

[A deadly funding crisis](#)

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[On World AIDS Day, WFP Highlights Importance Of Nutrition For People Living With HIV](#)

Reliefweb

[Deaths from malaria fall, but funding woes loom-WHO](#)

Alertnet

Have you recently published new research on development? Are you organising a development-related event? Did you know you could promote your work to LIDC members at Bloomsbury Colleges and external newsletter subscribers?

Send your content to admin@lidc.bloomsbury.ac.uk before the end of each calendar month and we will include it (if it meets our editorial standards).

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