

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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150 students and academics meet advocacy NGOs – LIDC-ONE event series on advocacy and development kicks off at LSHTM

More than 150 students and staff attended a roundtable on 'What is advocacy for international development?' held at LSHTM last week. Three advocacy NGOs: ONE, Global Poverty Project and Restless Development presented their views of advocacy and current campaigns. The next event, on 28 November, will explore how advocacy and

research can work together for development.

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3ie-LIDC seminar series 'What works in international development' is back! The first event looks at health insurance for the poor.

The first seminar explored the impact of health insurance on the poorest people in low and middle income countries.

[Read the summary, download the paper and presentation](#)

The seminar is held on a monthly basis. The next event will be held on 17 November and will focus on impact evaluation issues around 'the small n'.

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Help us shape a new Master's programme in development and win a £20 book voucher

The Bloomsbury Colleges are developing a postgraduate distance learning programme in international development, coordinated by LIDC. Please tell us what the degree should be like! The questionnaire will take less than 10 minutes. Your answers will be confidential and anonymous (but if you provide your email address, you will be entered for a prize draw!). [Participate in this survey.](#) Thank you!

New post on the LIDC blog: Development education – what does it mean in 2011?

Coinciding with the beginning of the academic year and the UN Development Information Day (24 October), Dr Doug Bourn of the Development Education Research Centre at the Institute of Education is sharing his views on development education in the second decade of the 21st century: what it means, what challenges it is facing, etc.

Read the blog: www.lidcblog.wordpress.com

The LIDC blog now has more than 1000 readers!

LIDC members meet at the bi-annual networking event

The Institute of Education hosted this term's networking event for LIDC members. Given the venue and the beginning of the new academic year, the theme of the event was related to education too. Dr Doug Bourn from the Institute of Education, Dr. Michael Munday from the School of Pharmacy and Nick Short from the Royal Veterinary College talked about the Students as Global Citizens project that the three Bloomsbury Colleges are running together with UCL, in collaboration with LIDC. The aim is to introduce students of medicine, veterinary science and pharmacy to key development issues.

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Help a fellow LIDC member with her PhD research – fill in a quick survey

An LIDC member (Bloomsbury scholar partly supported by LIDC) from London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine is conducting a study for her PhD about the education and location preferences of African pharmacists. She is looking for participants who are currently based outside Africa for pharmacy work or study.

[Fill in the survey](#)

DEVELOPMENT NEWS FROM BLOOMSBURY COLLEGES

SOAS Centre for Development Policy and Research publishes 'Development Viewpoint' 67 on Somali displacement

The Centre for Development Policy and Research is pleased to announce the publication of Development Viewpoint #67 'Seeking Solutions to Somali Displacement in Kenya: Current and Potential Policy Approaches'. Drawing on recent field research, the author, Anna Lindley of the Development Studies Department at SOAS, outlines longer-term policy responses that the international community could adopt to comprehensively address this increasingly complex refugee crisis.

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New blog post from a SOAS academic: Seven billion strong, and still growing

As the world's population hits 7 billion, Mike Jennings of SOAS is sharing his views on the possible consequences.

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LSHTM welcomes malaria vaccine results

Leading malaria experts from the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine have welcomed the news that the first interim results of a Phase 3 trial on a vaccine for the disease show it has been found to halve the number of malaria cases in children between 5 and 17 months.

The School has a long heritage in malaria research and is home to the Malaria Centre, which has the largest number of malaria researchers, students and support staff in Europe. Staff in the UK and Africa have been involved in the development of the RTS,S vaccine and the international partnership which led to these results.

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LSHTM: 'Good health at low cost' 25 years on - what makes a successful health system

Even countries with a relatively low income can make big improvements to the health of their populations by adopting a winning formula for strengthening health systems, according to a new study led by the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. The research assessed the health systems of five countries (Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Kyrgyzstan, Tamil Nadu (India) and Thailand) that have achieved better health outcomes than neighbouring ones with similar incomes.

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RVC: A step towards new vaccines for most important chicken parasite

Researchers funded by the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC), among others, have taken the first step in developing a new type of vaccine to protect chickens against coccidiosis, the most important parasite of poultry globally.

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SOAS: October-November edition of The Middle East in London hits newsstands (focus on Oman and Yemen)

As the Arab Spring reaches autumn, and most eyes are trained in hope and horror on Libya and Syria, our focus shifts to two of the lesser-known countries of the Middle East - Oman and Yemen - which are experiencing their own unique disturbances.

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UPCOMING DEVELOPMENT EVENTS AT BLOOMSBURY COLLEGES

4 - 11 NOVEMBER:

Waterlines 30th Anniversary 1982-2012. International journal of water, sanitation and waste

7 November 2011, 5.30 - 8.30 pm, Manson Theatre, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street

Panel discussion starts at 6 pm followed by questions, then reception with drinks and nibbles.

Speakers:

Professor Sandy Cairncross, LSHTM

Professor Andrew Cotton, WEDC, University of Loughborough

Barbara Evans, University of Leeds

Simon Trace, Practical Action

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Malaria Centre Seminar - 'Plasmodium knowlesi malaria - the story so far and where to next?'

8 November 2011, 12.45 – 2 pm, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Manson Lecture Theatre, Keppel Street

Speaker: Janet Cox-Singh, Centre For Infection, St George's University of London

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International Research Symposium 'Equitable Health Services for People with Disabilities with a Focus on Low and Middle Income Countries'

Co-organised by LSHTM and WHO

8 November 2011, 8.30 am - 6 pm, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, John Snow Lecture Theatre, Keppel Street

This one day international symposium seeks to bring together researchers, policy makers, disability advocates, NGOs and health and rehabilitation professionals to share current research on equity in health care for people with disabilities and promote interdisciplinary action in policy relevant research.

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The moral basis for public health

presented by the International Programme for Ethics, Public Health and Human Rights
11 November 2011, 12:30 pm, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Jerry Morris A, Tavistock Place

Speaker(s): Professor Michael Boylan, Department of Philosophy, Marymount University, USA

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Terrorist Transgressions: cultural representations of the terrorist

12-13 November 2011, Birkbeck, Birkbeck Cinema, 43 Gordon Square

This two-day event will debate the issue of the ethics of the representation of violence, including film screenings by independent filmmakers and from main stream cinema.

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14 - 18 NOVEMBER:

Global Health Lecture Series 'The UN Millennium Development Goals'

14 November 2011, 5:15 pm, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, John Snow Lecture Theatre, Keppel Street

Speaker(s): Andy Haines, Professor of Public Health and Primary Care, LSHTM

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23 Things They Don't Tell You About Capitalism

15 November 2011, 5 - 7 pm, SOAS, room G50

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Western interventions in Afghanistan and Iraq in relation to recent developments in the Middle East

15 November 2011, 5.45 – 7 pm, SOAS, Khalili Lecture Theatre

Speaker: Jack Fairweather, former Baghdad correspondent, Telegraph

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Applying International Humanitarian Law: where law, policy and operations collide

16 November 2011, 2 – 3 pm, SOAS, room G50

Speaker: Geoffrey Loane, Head of Mission, International Committee of the Red Cross-UK

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Remapping Migration

16 November 2011, 5 – 7 pm, SOAS, room G51
Speaker: Paolo Novak, Development Studies, SOAS

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Reporting the environment in China

16 November 2011, 5 – 7 pm, SOAS, room G3
Speaker: Sam Geall, Deputy Editor of Chinadialogue.net

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LIDC Workshop on Development issues in Somalia and the Horn of Africa

16 November 2011, 12.30 – 5.30 pm, LIDC, Upper Meeting Room
This workshop will allow academics in LIDC Colleges whose research involves Somalia or the Horn of Africa to get to know each other and their work. It will bring together views about the future of the region in a development context, by exchanging information and ideas from a range of perspectives including legal, human and animal health, educational, and political. [More](#)

Being-In-Human: The critical theory and law of human rights

17 – 19 November 2011, Birkbeck, Clore Lecture Theatre B01 and B04 Malet Street
A three-day Conference hosted by Birkbeck School of Law, and sponsored by The Leverhulme Trust, Birkbeck Law School and LSE Law Department, and Birkbeck Institute of the Humanities (BIH) on the critical theory and law of human rights.

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LIDC-Royal African Society debate 'Beyond Aid'. How can Britain-Africa agricultural relations work to mutual benefit?

17 November 2011, 6 – 7.30 pm, Houses of Parliament (room TBC)
LIDC and the Royal African Society (RAS) are launching a new series of events on Britain-Africa relations centred around the 'Beyond Aid' dimension. The first debate will focus on agricultural trade.

[RSVP: ras_research@soas.ac.uk](mailto:ras_research@soas.ac.uk)

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'Legal appropriation: Taking of and by law' workshop

18 November 2011, 10 am – 4 pm, LIDC, Upper Meeting Room

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21 - 25 NOVEMBER:

Global Health Lecture Series 'Dirt, disgust and desire: improving hygiene and sanitation'

presented by the Faculty of Epidemiology & Population Health
21 November 2011, 5.15 pm, John Snow Lecture Theatre, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street
Speaker: Val Curtis, Reader in Hygiene, LSHTM

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Universal access for all? Gender bias in health policy: reflections from the Chilean case

24 November 2011, 5 – 6.30 pm, SOAS, room 4421
Speaker: Dr. Jasmine Gideon, Department of Geography, Environment and Development Studies, Birkbeck College

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Not ready for analysis? A critical review of NRA estimations for cotton and other export cash crops in Africa

24 November 2011, 5.15 – 7 pm, SOAS, room 4418

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Linking agricultural policy, globalisation, diet and health: A new hypothesis of dietary change and its implications for food policies to address unhealthy eating, obesity, and chronic diseases

25 November 2011, 1.15 – 2.45 pm, SOAS, room 4418

Speaker: Corinna Hawkes, Food Policy Analyst and Visiting Fellow, Centre for Food Policy, City University

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28 - 30 NOVEMBER:

Global Health Lecture Series 'Health systems'

presented by the Faculty of Epidemiology & Population Health

28 November 2011, 5:15 pm, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, John Snow Lecture Theatre, Keppel Street

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

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Inaugural Directorial Lecture. 'Teaching and learning in the twenty-first century: What is an Institute of Education for?'

28 November 2011, 6 – 8 pm, Institute of Education, Jeffrey Hall

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LIDC-ONE debate 'From Research to Advocacy - what works?'

28 November 2011, 6 – 7.30 pm, Institute of Education, Elvin Hall

This event, organised jointly by LIDC and the advocacy NGO ONE, will aim to explore how research can inform advocacy work, and how research can help measure the impact of advocacy, using the format of an interactive debate.

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The effect of the Eurozone Crisis on successful African countries

29 November 2011, 12 – 2 pm, SOAS, room 116

Speaker: Dr Dirk Willem te Velde, ODI

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Development within or against capitalism: a critical engagement with Amartya Sen's 'Development as Freedom'

29 November 2011, 5 – 7 pm, SOAS, room G50

Speaker: Ben Selwyn, Sussex University

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Inaugural Lecture Series 'Learning from Africa'

presented by the Director's Office, LSHTM

29 November 2011, 5:15 pm, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, John Snow Lecture Theatre, Keppel Street

Speaker: Professor Alison Elliott, LSHTM

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'Celebrity and Development'

30 November 2011, 1 – 3 pm, SOAS, Brunei Gallery room B102

Speaker: Dr Dan Brockington, University of Manchester

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I'm a policymaker, get me out of here! The dilemmas of putting conflict policy into practice at DFID

30 November 2011, 2 – 3 pm, SOAS, room G50
Speaker: Mark Segal, DFID, Senior Conflict Advisor
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EXTERNAL EVENTS:

Film Africa 2011 – Celebrating African Cinema

3 – 13 November 2011, Hackney Picture House and other cinemas
Experience 10 days of the best African fiction and documentary films from across the continent. Brought to you by the Royal African Society and hosted by the brand new Hackney Picturehouse, with the participation of the Ritzy Cinema, the Rich Mix and Frontline Club, Film Africa brings together lively audience Q&As and panel discussions featuring leading African filmmakers and a dynamic programme of cultural events.
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'HIV/AIDS, more than 25 years later: which challenges remain?' The Royal Society International lecture

29 November 2011, 5.30 pm, The Royal Society
Speaker: Prof Françoise Barré-Sinoussi, Head of the Unit Regulation of Retroviral Infections at the Institut Pasteur, Paris.
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COURSES, GRANTS AND VACANCIES AT BLOOMSBURY COLLEGES

LSHTM vacancies

Senior Lecturer in South Asian Health

Faculty of Epidemiology & Population Health
Salary: £46,695 to £70,263
Closing date: 4 November 2011
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Research Assistant in Medical Entomology

Faculty of Infectious & Tropical Diseases
Salary: £30,915
Closing date: 8 November 2011
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Wellcome Trust Clinical PhD Programme in International Health

Faculty of Infectious & Tropical Diseases
Salary: £33,265 to £55,936
Closing date: 14 November 2011
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Research Assistant in Epidemiology

Faculty of Epidemiology & Population Health
Salary: £30,915 to £35,511
Closing date: 2 December 2011
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THIS MONTH IN DEVELOPMENT NEWS HEADLINES

The world's population has hit **7 billion** this month, according to the UN. The **Nobel Peace Prize** was awarded to three women: Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and Leymah Gbowee of Liberia, and Tawakul Karman of Yemen for 'their non-violent struggle for the safety of women and for women's rights to full participation in peace-building work'. **Floods** have hit Thailand, claiming many victims and destroying livelihoods. Turkey experienced a violent **earthquake**. A new **malaria vaccine** appears within reach, but doubts remain as to who will fund it. **New donors** are more and more prominent on the development aid agenda.

Selected headlines:

[World's 'seven billionth baby' is born](#)

The Guardian

[The world's population: Growing, growing, gone?](#)

The Independent

[Nobel peace prize given to only 12 women in 110 years. Now it's 15](#)

The Guardian

[THAILAND: Disaster "is imminent and inevitable"](#)

IRIN News

[Thailand Floods Worst in Five Decades](#)

Relief Web

[Turkey earthquake: More aid pledged to worst-hit areas](#)

BBC News

[Trial success may mean 2015 release for malaria vaccine](#)

SciDev Net

[Malaria vaccine set to save millions of lives, but who will fund it?](#)

The Guardian

[Western dominance of the humanitarian system is over' - UN](#)

Alert Net

[The rise of the "new" donors: Analysis: Arab and Muslim aid and the West - "two china elephants"](#)

IRIN News

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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