



## **News and Views April 2011**

LIDC tackles international development challenges in pioneering ways by bringing together more than 1,500 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, Institute of Education, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Royal Veterinary College, School of Oriental and African Studies, and The School of Pharmacy.

### **FROM LIDC AND ITS MEMBER INSTITUTIONS**

#### **NEWS**

##### **New report launched by LIDC highlights what works in distance learning for health professionals**

LIDC's new report, 'Distance Learning for Health: What works' by Chris Joynes, presents findings from a global review of distance learning programmes for medical professionals in low and middle income countries.

The report was launched at the occasion of the LIDC-3ie seminar 'What works in international development? Internet-based medical education: findings and lessons from a realist review.'

[More information](#)

##### **New podcasts available on LIDC's website: 'Education experts discuss challenges in developing countries'**

Scholars from Africa and Asia shared their experiences regarding access to education, the quality of schooling, and educational outcomes at a major conference at the Institute of Education last November. Four of the researchers working with the Consortium for Research on Educational Access, Transitions and Equity (CREATE) consortium explored these issues for a special double bill of Development Matters.

[More information](#)

##### **World Tuberculosis Day celebrated at Bloomsbury Colleges**

At Birkbeck, researchers from the ISMB Mycobacteria Research Laboratory shared their work through lectures, research presentations, posters and public awareness raising activities.

[More information](#)

At the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine parties, a talk, and an exhibition on World Tuberculosis Day are commemorating 24 of March 1882 when Robert Koch announced his discovery of the *M.tuberculosis* bacterium that causes tuberculosis. Sarah Maxwell hears from Ruth McNerney how the threat from TB still looms in many parts of the developing, and - surprisingly - developed world, and about the need for more research and better diagnostic tests.

[Listen to podcast](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **LIDC Members' Spring Event – last chance to register!**

Thursday 14 April 2011, 5 pm, Brunei Suite, School of Oriental and African Studies

Join us for a drink and networking opportunities, celebrating the first days of spring and the upcoming Earth Day.

Camilla Toulmin, Director of the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), will give a talk exploring the theme of development and the environment.

RSVP to [admin@lidc.bloomsbury.ac.uk](mailto:admin@lidc.bloomsbury.ac.uk) by Monday, 11 April at the latest.

### **Mining, Displacement and Resistance in India's Tribal Lands**

Thursday 14 April, 18:30 – 20:30, room B102, Brunei Gallery, SOAS, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC1H0XG

The impact of mining on tribals and on the environment, the growing resistance to mining from various sectors and the Indian government's response to the resistance.

A free public seminar in association with the Brunei Gallery Exhibition: [A Disappearing World](#).

### **Medicine overseas: Humanitarian emergencies, post-conflict challenges and experience from the field**

Friday 15 April 2011, all day, Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1G 0AE

The aim of this conference is to provide students and others in medicine and related professions with a background to working overseas in conflict and humanitarian disasters, and with a practical way forward to becoming involved in this field.

Full details about the conference and how to register can be found on the [RSM website](#).

Contact: Events coordinator, RSM, email: [catastrophes@rsm.ac.uk](mailto:catastrophes@rsm.ac.uk)

### **LIDC-3ie seminar series: What works in international development?**

20 April 2011, 5 pm, LIDC, 36 Gordon Square

Impact evaluation in post-disaster settings by Dr Paul Nolen, University of Essex

RSVP to [admin@lidc.bloomsbury.ac.uk](mailto:admin@lidc.bloomsbury.ac.uk)

### **Sir Joseph Hotung International Human Rights Lecture 2011**

Wednesday 27 April, 18:30 – 20:00, Room BP Lecture Theatre, British Museum (North entrance, via Montague Place, London WC1E 7JW)

Ms Arbour will examine the international community's capacity and will to hold accountable those who commit serious violations of human rights. Following the recent upheavals in the Arab world, she considers the international response, especially in the UN Security Council's and Human Rights Council's, to the violence in Libya. Contrasting that response with the same bodies' reactions to other recent violence, including the war in Sri Lanka and fighting in Darfur, she discusses the ability of existing international institutions to respond to abuses by governments against their citizens.

This event is free, but please register to reserve a place.

[More information](#)

### **Food prices and current political demonstrations in Middle East and North Africa: The Changing Face of Food Security in the Region**

Thursday 28 April, 18:30 – 21:30, Brunei Gallery, SOAS, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC1H0XG

[More information](#) or email [soasevents@soas.ac.uk](mailto:soasevents@soas.ac.uk)

### **Gender and Social Policy in Latin America – Current Research Directions**

Tuesday 10 May 2011, 14:00 – 18:00, Senate House, Malet Street, London, WC1E 7HU

The aim of this workshop is to provide a forum for discussion and to present new research on gender, social policy and social protection initiatives in Latin America. If you are interested in presenting a paper, please submit your proposed title and abstract to [Alegria Perez](#) by 15 March 2011.

There will be a £10 registration fee to cover the cost of refreshments.

### **'Microscope to telescope' - The official launch event of: The Research Network for Health Systems and Infection**

Tuesday 17 May, 2011, 17:15 - 21:00, at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

This free evening event will feature a number of world-renowned speakers, a discussion panel, and an opportunity for networking. This invitation is extended to academics, policy-makers, students, and service providers with a shared interest in the intersection between health systems and infectious diseases.

Speakers will include Prof. Peter Piot, Director of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and formerly the founding Executive Director of UNAIDS and Under-Secretary General of the United Nations, and Prof. David Heymann, Chair of the UK Health Protection Agency, former Assistant Director-General for Health, Security and the Environment, and Representative of the Director-General for Polio Eradication - World Health Organization.

While this is a free event, space is limited and registration is required to attend.

[More information](#)

### **Business in Africa Conference**

Thursday 23 June 9:00 – 17:45 and Friday 24 June 9:00 – 19:00, SOAS, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC1H0XG

This is a ticketed only event (Lunch and Refreshments provided): £150 / day, £75 / half day.

To apply please contact [Olamide Udo-Udoma](#) / [Angelica Baschiera](#).

Further Information: [School of Oriental and African Studies, Centre of African Studies](#)

### **Annual Student Symposium on Global Health**

4 July 2011, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Students from UK institutions are invited to compete for the opportunity to give short presentations on their unpublished original research. Abstract submissions are encouraged from students working in all disciplines of global health research, including clinical, population, laboratory, socio-economic and social sciences. Best presentations will be awarded, kindly sponsored by the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.

The symposium will conclude with a plenary lecture given by Prof. Peter Piot entitled 'New challenges in global health' (Director at LSHTM, former Executive Director of UNAIDS and Under Secretary-General of the United Nations).

Abstracts, no longer than 250 words, should be submitted by 6pm, 3 May 2011.

[More information](#) or email [GHS@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:GHS@lshtm.ac.uk).

### **Workshop on 'Legal appropriation: taking of and by law'**

November 2011 (exact date TBC)

by Centre for the study of Colonialism, Empire and International Law, SOAS, and London International Development Centre

The role of law as a means, end, obstacle or irrelevance to development has been the subject of increasing debate in recent years. Law steals development when it enables individuals (foreign or local) to appropriate resources. Law is itself stolen when it is reformed to support the interests and values of individuals (foreign or local) at the expense of the interests and values of those present and future generations whose welfare law ought also to serve.

The question of how law 'matters' to development is no longer reserved for ethereal academic debate. Its 'mattering' has been decided by multilateral development agencies, corporations and defence

departments alike, and the notion of the 'rule of law' is now ingrained in the public consciousness. This workshop represents an important and timely opportunity to unsettle the status quo. Confirmed participants include Diamond Ashiagbor, Michelle Everson, Patrick McAuslan, Fiona MacMillan, Scott Newton and Chandra Sriram. If you are a member (faculty, research students, and research associates) of the Bloomsbury Colleges and wish to participate this event, you are warmly encouraged to send a 200 word abstract addressing the theme of 'Legal appropriation: Taking of and by law' to [Amanda Perry-Kessaris](#) by Thursday 30 June 2011.

## **GRANTS & VACANCIES**

### **Round 7 of Grand Challenges Explorations, Gates Foundation**

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is now accepting grant proposals for Round 7 of Grand Challenges Explorations, an initiative to encourage innovative and unconventional global health solutions. Applicants can be at any experience level, in any discipline and from any organisation, including colleges and universities.

Grant proposals are being accepted online until 19 May 2011 on the following topics:

- Explore Nutrition for Healthy Growth of Infants and Children
- Apply Synthetic Biology to Global Health Challenges
- The Poliovirus Endgame: Create Innovative Ways to Accelerate, Sustain, and Monitor Eradication
- Create the Next Generation of Sanitation Technologies
- Design New Approaches to Cure HIV Infection
- Create Low-Cost Cell Phone-Based Solutions for Improved Uptake and Coverage of Childhood Vaccinations

Initial grants will be US \$100,000 each, and projects showing promise will have the opportunity to receive additional funding of up to US \$1 million.

[More information](#)

### **Master's study and fellowship in developing Commonwealth countries**

Four Scholarship and one Fellowship opportunities in developing Commonwealth countries funded by the CSFP Endowment fund.

Scholarships are available at the following institutions:

- University of Nairobi, Kenya - Master's programmes
- University of Mauritius, Mauritius - Master's programmes (part-time)
- University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania - Master's programmes
- University of the South Pacific, Vanuatu or Samoa Campuses - Master's programme

A Fellowship is available at the following institution:

- University of Ibadan, Nigeria - three month Fellowship

### **Doctoral and post-doctoral scholarship at the University of Pretoria**

The University of Pretoria is inviting applications for 3-year doctoral and 2 year post-doctoral scholarships tenable from January 2012.

[More information](#)

**Vacancy: Research Assistant in Health Systems Research, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine**

Salary: £25,854 - £29,972 (DOE), 70% FTE, Four Year Fixed Term Appointment

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