



News and Views February 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.

NEWS

Nutritional improvement for children in urban Chile and Kenya (NICK)

This three-year research project – originally called the Healthy Urbanisation Project (HUP) - started last September and is funded by the ESRC-DFID Joint Scheme. In December the members of the research team came together at the LIDC for their first team workshop and renamed the project NICK. The purpose of NICK is to reduce child malnutrition in informal, urban settlements and slums through intervening to change the social determinants in Chile and Kenya.

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LIDC staff contribute to ground-breaking Government Foresight Report on the Future of Food and Farming

Experts from the Bloomsbury Colleges, involved with LIDC and the Leverhulme Centre for Integrative Research on Agriculture and Health (LCIRAH), have contributed to this ground-breaking Government Foresight Report on the Future of Food and Farming.

A major conclusion of the report is the critical importance of interconnected policy-making.

[Read more and download report ...](#)

LIDC hosts the launch of Prof. Juma's new book 'How to maximise business opportunities in African agriculture'

LIDC hosted a lecture and panel discussion led by Professor Calestous Juma (Harvard University), author of the acclaimed new book 'The New Harvest: Agricultural Innovation in Africa'. The book focuses on innovation in agriculture and argues that Africa can 'feed itself in a generation'.

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Vacancies: Post-doctoral research fellow appointments at the LSHTM

The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine is seeking two post-doctoral research fellows in Agri-Health Economics (1 post) and Nutrition and Sustainability (1 post) to join the new Leverhulme Centre for Integrative Research on Agriculture and Health:

Research Fellow, Agri-health Economics, Department of Global Health and Development, Faculty of Public Health and Policy, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. Full details can be obtained from <http://jobs.lshtm.ac.uk/> - Reference AHE1

Research Fellow, Nutrition and Sustainability, Department of Nutrition and Public Health Intervention Research, Faculty of Epidemiology and Population Health, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Full details may be obtained from <http://jobs.lshtm.ac.uk/> - Reference NS1

For further information on the post in Agri-Health Economics, please contact Prof. Richard Smith (Richard.Smith@lshtm.ac.uk). For further information on the post in Nutrition and Sustainability, please contact Dr. Alan Dangour (Alan.Dangour@lshtm.ac.uk). For more information on LCIRAH, please visit <http://www.lcirah.ac.uk>.

Applications should be made on-line via <http://jobs.lshtm.ac.uk>. The reference for the posts is TB1. Any queries regarding the application process may be addressed to jobs@lshtm.ac.uk. The closing date for applications is 22 February 2011.

Bloomsbury Doctoral Training Centre Wins ESRC Funding

The Bloomsbury DTC has been awarded 26 annual PhD studentships to disburse over the next five years, starting in October 2011. This more than doubles the number of doctoral social science studentships available across the four institutions and makes the Bloomsbury DTC the second largest centre in London.

Students working in the following disciplines and interdisciplinary areas may be eligible for studentships: demography, economics, education, political science and international studies, psychology, social anthropology, social policy, health and wellbeing, quantitative methods and international development.

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New LIDC Communications Manager

The team is delighted to welcome Anna Mary, who has joined LIDC as the Communications Manager. Before joining LIDC, Anna spent five years working for the World Bank External Affairs unit, and then a year at the London-based charity Community Development Foundation. Anna holds an MSc degree in Media, Communications and Development from the London School of Economics.

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EVENTS

Policy Cures - Global Launch of the G-FINDER 2010

Wednesday, 16 February 2011, 10.30 - 12.30, John Snow Lecture Theatre, LSHTM

The third annual G-FINDER report reveals both positive and troubling trends in investment into new pharmaceutical products for the developing world in 2009.

This is an open event: Please RSVP at drobinson@policycures.org

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LIDC Workshop on Antimicrobial Resistance

Wednesday, 16 February 2011, 13-17, LIDC

This workshop will bring together researchers in animal and human health with biologists, economists and sociologists to discuss the serious implications of antimicrobial resistance for global health and international development.

There are only a few places left! Please contact Catherine Fletcher at

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SOAS SEMINAR: Aid and Development in Asia & Africa: The Role of Infrastructure and Capacity Development in East Asia Growth and its Implications for African Development

Thursday 17 and Friday 18 February 2011, Khalili Lecture Theatre, SOAS
For further information and registration, please contact: jicauk@jica.co.uk
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3ie-LIDC Seminar Series 'What works in international development?'

Wednesday, 23 February 2011 from 17:00 to 18:30, LIDC

The event will aim to address the question 'What is the impact of interventions to increase agricultural production on children's nutritional status?'

To register or for more information, contact: 3ieuk@3ieimpact.org

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LIDC will be presenting at 'Getting into International Development'

Thursday, 10 March, Beveridge Hall, Senate House, South Block, University of London

International Development is a growing sector that employs a wide range of people around the globe.

This one day introductory course will set out clearly how the sector is structured, the different entry roles available and the combination of qualifications, skills and experience needed to get into international development.

[Read more and book your seat ...](#)

EXTERNAL OPPORTUNITIES

(NOTE: LIDC is not responsible for the content provided by third parties)

Call for papers: EADI-DSA 2011 Conference 'Rethinking Development in an age of Scarcity and Uncertainty - New Values, Voices and Alliances for Increased Resilience'

The EADI-DSA 2011 joint conference, to be held on 19 –22 September 2011 in York, seeks to be one convening space to fundamentally revisit and rethink the development paradigm(s) in all its dimensions in an era of plurality, uncertainty and change. Its goal is to maximise the opportunity of cooperation as well as to approach 'development' in new ways and generate new ideas and narratives in conjunction with partners from the global South.

Researchers on development issues are invited to present papers for the EADI/DSA Conference under either the Working Group/Study Group sessions or the Ad Hoc Panels.

Deadline: 15 February 2011.

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Call for session proposals: Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics 'Broadening Opportunities for Development'

This year it is all about 'Broadening Opportunities for Development' at the Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE), which will take place in Paris, France, on 30 May–1 June 2011.

The World Bank invites researchers and institutions to submit proposals to host a parallel session at ABCDE 2011.

Deadline: 28 February 2011.

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World Bank International Essay Competition for students

How has migration effected you, your family, your community or your country?

How do you perceive the benefits of migration versus the risks?

The World Bank International Essay Competition 2011 seeks young people's views on the opportunities, challenges and implications of youth migration.

Students and young researchers under 25 years old can win 3,000 USD as well as a seat at the Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE) in Paris. Contributions can be made

in form of written essays or video-clips.

Deadline: 17 March 2011.

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The spirit of Tanzania: Photography exhibition and auction

Wednesday, 17 February 2011, Thomson Reuters, 30 South Colonnade, Canary Wharf, E14 5EP
Community Projects Africa is hosting an exhibition of images capturing the spirit of Tanzania as seen through the eyes of their volunteers.

The evening will include a live photograph auction hosted by television presenter Jasmine Harman. You can also catch a sneak preview of the upcoming exhibition by award winning photographer Alwyn R Coates. CPA founder and Chairperson Joy Skipper will be accompanied by the Tanzanian High Commissioner to share their news about CPA's work and developments in Tanzania.

[Read more and register...](#)

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