

## News and Views June 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 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.

### LIDC NEWS



#### **3 June 2011 - LIDC joins Final Jury of World Bank International Essay Competition on migration**

Anna Marry, LIDC's Communications Manager, participated in the Final Jury of the World Bank International Essay Competition held on 31 May 2011 as part of the Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE) in Paris.

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#### **25 May 2011 - Discussion of impact evaluation in development attracts 200 to the 3ie-LIDC symposium**

The room was packed full at the 3ie-LIDC Symposium held on 23 May at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine on the theme of 'Thinking out of the black box - randomised controlled trials, mixed methods and policy influence in international development'.

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### **18 May 2011 - Leading health and agriculture experts gather in London to find common ways of measuring the effects of health and agriculture interventions**

Close to 100 leading academics and practitioners from all over the world gathered in London on 12 and 13 May to explore 'Measuring the effects of Agri-Health interventions' at an international workshop organised by the Leverhulme Centre for Integrative Research on Agriculture and Health (LCIRAH) and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI).

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### **10 May 2011 - Researchers from University of Zambia work with LIDC and partners on the development of a One Health Analytical Epidemiology curriculum**

Dr Martin Simuunza and Dr Rosemary Ndongyo of the University of Zambia spent two weeks at LIDC, meeting with counterparts at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) as well as the Royal Veterinary College (RVC), as part of the ongoing LIDC – SACIDS (Southern African Centre for Infectious Disease Surveillance) partnership.

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### **Join the LIDC team in the London Cycle Challenge**

How does it work?

- You [sign up](#) and join the team (LIDC - cycling across disciplines).
- You derust, dust, pump up and oil your bike.
- You cycle lots and lots whenever you can.
- You log your miles cycled between 9 am 18 June – 11.59 pm 15 July.

We invite all LIDC members from across Bloomsbury Colleges to join us. LIDC is all about working across Colleges and across disciplines, hence the name of the team: 'LIDC - cycling across disciplines'. To motivate you to cycle more, LIDC will offer a 20 £ Amazon voucher to the team member with the most miles. It's simple, free, environmentally-friendly and fun, so join us!

### **NEWS FROM BLOOMSBURY COLLEGES**

**2 June 2011 – CNN reporter talks to SOAS Radio about 'Locked Up and Forgotten' mentally ill of Kenya**

David McKenzie, a CNN reporter based in Nairobi, visited SOAS Radio to talk about his award-winning documentary 'Locked Up and Forgotten', which covers the social taboo surrounding mental illness in Kenya.

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### **June 2011 - SOAS Centre for Development Policy and Research publishes Development Viewpoint #62**

The Centre for Development Policy and Research is pleased to announce the publication of Development Viewpoint #62 "*Cash-on-Delivery Aid, a Red Herring or the Future of Aid?*" The author, Michael Jennings, Development Studies Department, SOAS, examines the case for a new approach to Official Development Assistance, called 'Cash-on-Delivery' Aid, which ties disbursements to the achievement of specific targets mutually agreed by donors and aid recipients.

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### **17 May 2011 - 'Clash of Civilisations' Theory challenged by SOAS academic**

In his new book, SOAS academic Dr Arshin Adib-Moghaddam seeks to dispel the myth that we have ever been involved in a 'clash of civilisations'.

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### **16 May 2011 - Plans to create funding consortium for global surveillance of cancer survival: CONCORD-2 study will provide crucial data on effectiveness of cancer strategies world-wide**

The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine has unveiled plans for the largest ever study of world-wide cancer survival.

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### **12 May 2011 - Students as Global Citizens research project kicks off**

Ten School of Pharmacy MPharm undergraduate students participated in an interdisciplinary workshop entitled 'What do Doctors, Pharmacists and Veterinarians have in common with Drugs, Chickens and Humans?', along with students from the Royal Veterinary College and the Institute for Global Health (UCL) to understand how doctors, pharmacists and vets can work together to resolve complex global health challenges.

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### **12 May 2011 - School of Pharmacy decides to merge with UCL**

After a long and thorough consultation and development process, the School's Council has decided by a decisive majority that their long-term future would be best secured through a merger with UCL.

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### **12 May 2011 - The Malaria Centre launch their 'Net-Work' project to bring together their global malaria community**

The School is seeking contributions from LSHTM staff, students and researchers (both past and present), especially those based overseas. Contributions should represent, explore or describe activities conducted by the malaria community now and in the past.

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### **10 May 2011 - LSHTM medical excellence recognised with academy fellowship announcement**

Professor Baron Peter Piot, the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine's Director, and Christopher Whitty, Professor of International Health at the School, have been newly elected to the Fellowship of the Academy of Medical Sciences. Academy Fellows are elected for outstanding contributions to the advancement of medical science, for innovative application of scientific knowledge or for their conspicuous service to healthcare.

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### **10 May 2011 - Professor Richard Kock implements new initiative relating to Saiga Antelopes**

A new initiative, which has been led by Fauna & Flora International, is being implemented by the Royal Veterinary College, through the new Chair of Wildlife Health and Emerging Infectious Disease, Professor Richard Kock, to promote a standard of investigation of saiga health and disease.

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### **May 2011 - LSHTM Audio News - new Global Health Podcasts**

1) Migrant Health: A Key Issue For Global Health, with Cathy Zimmerman  
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2) Community Health Workers Help Achieve Brazil's Healthcare Transformation, with Andy Haines  
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3) Turning Latrines Into Fly-Traps In The Gambia, with Steve Lindsay  
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### **May 2011 - New distance learning scholarships at RVC**

The Royal Veterinary College has a number of distance learning scholarships available for scholars from Kenya who wish to study for RVC's MSc in Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health. The Distance Learning Commonwealth Scholarships are funded by the UK Commonwealth Scholarship Commission.

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### **May 2011 - New distance learning Master's in Global Policy**

The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine will launch a new Master's by distance learning in Global Health Policy in September 2011. The course combines core modules on the economics and politics of global health, global environmental change and key issues in global health policy.

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### **Help a fellow LIDC member! Participate in a survey on traditional Asian medicines (Centre for Pharmacognosy and Phytotherapy, School of Pharmacy)**

This PhD research project focuses on the use of Asian and Indian medicinal herbs and herbal medicines used within the UK and Europe. Your response to this questionnaire is important and will help to improve the availability and quality of Asian herbal medicines within the UK and help improve the quality of life of people in developing countries. The survey is sponsored by The Leverhulme Centre for International Research on Agriculture and Health in association with The University of London.

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### **'Virtual Water', new book by SOAS academic**

In his book, Tony Allan explains his new and groundbreaking 'virtual water' concept that reveals the true and hazardous extent of our global water consumption. The book exposes the real impact of our modern lifestyle and shows how we need to manage our water use in a more sustainable and planet friendly way. Professor Tony Allan is acknowledged as a world authority on water issues and a leading voice in sustainable water development.

## **OTHER DEVELOPMENT NEWS**

### **Bond calls on LIDC student members to participate in a survey on future services for young development professionals**

As the UK membership body linking around 370 organisations working in international development, from Oxfam and Save the Children to the smallest community based organisations, Bond could be your route into the sector. Traditionally a network for professionals, Bond is looking to widen its scope to include the sector's future staff and leaders. As one of those people, you are in the perfect position to tell us what opportunities and support Bond could offer you as you embark on your career. It would be invaluable to us if you could take the time to answer the questions in this [brief survey](#).

### **Get involved in ONE campaign on vaccines**

Did you know that we could save 4 million lives over the next 5 years because of 2 new life saving vaccines? Although these vaccines are available and ready to go, they need money to reach the world's poorest.

So the task is clear – we need to pressure our world leaders to get them to finance these vaccines, so we can save the lives of millions of children worldwide. In just a few short weeks world governments will be meeting in London and will have 4 hours to pledge support for these vaccines. [Sign ONE's petition!](#)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AT BLOOMSBURY COLLEGES**

**Book Launch: 'Season of Rains'**

7 June 2011 at 18:00, SOAS, Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre, London

The author, Stephen Ellis, is a historian, with a broad range of interests in contemporary history and politics. 'Season of Rains' explains how one billion Africans are changing their continent and changing the world. The launch will be followed by a drinks reception.

RSVP: [RSVP@royalafricansociety.org](mailto:RSVP@royalafricansociety.org)

**Globalisation: panacea or poison for public health?**

8 June 2011 at 12:45 to 14.00, LSHTM, Geoffrey Rose Room (LG7), Keppel Street, London

Speaker(s): Professor Richard Smith, LSHTM

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**LIDC Workshop on Faith-Based International Development**

9 June 2011 at 12.30 to 17.00, LIDC, Upper Meeting Room, 36 Gordon Square, London

The workshop will look at all faiths and all forms of welfare, but with an emphasis on Islamic and Christian organisations. Participants will be invited to talk briefly on their experience of faith-based welfare and this will form the basis of subsequent discussions.

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

**A socio-economic approach to One Health policy research**

9 June 2011 at 17:30, LIDC, 36 Gordon Square, London

Dr Kayunze is a Senior Lecturer in Development Studies at Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA), Morogoro in Tanzania and a postdoctoral research fellow working on One Health Policy under the Southern African Centre for Infectious Disease Surveillance (SACIDS). In his presentation he will discuss whether the problem of lingering infectious diseases is more affected by health policies, low application of one-health approaches, or other factors, and how the burden of disease subsequently affects socio-economic well-being. After his talk he would like to spend some time discussing how health services for humans, livestock, and wild animals can be delivered in the Southern African Region.

**Twentieth Bradford Hill Memorial Lecture - Health economic evaluation: beyond trials - and into the abyss?**

9 June 2011 at 17:00 to 18:00, LSHTM, John Snow Lecture Theatre, Keppel Street, London

Speaker(s): Professor Simon Thompson, University of Cambridge

Admission: Free and open to all with no ticket required. Entry is on a first come, first served basis.

Contact: Deborah Curle, [deborah.curle@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:deborah.curle@lshtm.ac.uk)

**SOAS Alumni and Friends Weekend**

9-11 June 2011, SOAS, London

This exciting event will feature a range of development-related workshops and panels, including sessions on media for development, development research and practice, governance in Africa, and many more.

All LIDC members, not only from SOAS, are warmly invited to attend.

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**Launch of The Lancet Series on: The new decade of vaccines (Symposium)**

10 June 2011 at 9:00 to 16:00, LSHTM, Manson Lecture Theatre, Keppel Street, London

Chair: Dr Richard Horton, Editor-in-chief, The Lancet

In December 2010, global health leaders committed to making the next 10 years the Decade of Vaccines—to ensure discovery, development, and delivery of lifesaving vaccines globally, especially to the poorest countries.

Admission: Free and open to all with no ticket required. Entry is on a first come, first served basis.

Contact: Pam Das, [Pamela.das@lancet.com](mailto:Pamela.das@lancet.com)

**Disability and Development Seminar Series: Young carers of parents with HIV and AIDS and child-headed households in Tanzania**

13 June 2011 at 18:30 to 20.00, Birkbeck College, Room 151, Malet Street building, London

Speaker: Dr Ruth Evans, University of Reading

RSVP: [k.wells@bbk.ac.uk](mailto:k.wells@bbk.ac.uk)  
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### **Pride versus Prejudice: analysing the criminalisation of homosexuality in Africa**

16 June 2011 at 18:00, SOAS, G2, Russell Square campus, London

Across Africa homosexuals are persecuted for their sexuality; they are frequently condemned by the church, vilified in the media and punished by the law. This expert panel of speakers will address the implementation of anti-gay laws across Africa and the current LGBTI struggles to undermine and change these laws. They will also discuss the struggle for personal reconciliation of gay Africans with their faith and culture within homophobic societies.

RSVP: [RSVP@royalafricansociety.org](mailto:RSVP@royalafricansociety.org)

### **Disability and Development Seminar Series: Children with disabilities in Dafur and Afghanistan**

20 June 2011 at 18:30 to 20.00, Birkbeck College, Room 151, Malet Street building, London

Speaker: Dr Jean Francois Trani, University College London.

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### **Business in Africa: What's next?**

23 June 2011 at 9:00 to 17:45 and 24 June at 9:00 to 19:00, SOAS, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London

The themes will be focusing on aspects of business in the present and prospectus for the future. Knowing that 2010 was the year for 17 African countries to celebrate their 50 years of independence and 16 elections took place throughout Africa, 2011 is the year to ask 'what next, Africa?'

This is a ticketed only event (lunch and refreshments provided): £150/ day, £75/ half day. LIDC members are eligible for a 20% discount. Quote 'LIDC 20% off' when you register.

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### **Disability and Development Seminar Series: States of Disability - Conceptualizing the Body and the Nation in Post-civil War Lebanon**

27 June 2011 at 18:30 to 20.00, Birkbeck College, Room 151, Malet Street building, London

Speaker: Dr Julie Hartley, Goldsmiths College.

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### **RVC Camden Campus Tour**

29 June 2011, London

Tour of Camden campus for prospective students, parents, teachers and careers advisors.

### **3ie-LIDC Seminar Series: What works in International Development: microfinance**

29 June 2011 at 17.00 to 18.30, LSHTM, John Snow Lecture Theatre, Keppel Street, London

The next seminar will be on the theme of microfinance (details TBC).

### **International Centre for Education for Democratic Citizenship 5th Annual Conference: Citizenship, Society and Social Justice - new agendas?**

1 July 2011 at 09:30 to 17:00, Birkbeck College, Malet Street, London

The conference will address issues such as how citizenship education engages with agendas of security, social cohesion, volunteering, patriotism, social justice both locally and in the wider world?

What is the role of social networking and new media? What kinds of support do citizenship educators need?

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

4 July 2011, LSHTM, Keppel Street, London

The symposium will feature presentations from students working in all disciplines of global health research, including clinical, population, laboratory, socio-economic and social sciences. The event 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).

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RSVP: [GHS@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:GHS@lshtm.ac.uk).

**Agriculture and Health Research in Action Seminar Series: Role of fruit and vegetables in addressing poverty and malnutrition**

5 July 2011 at 16:00 to 18:00, LIDC, Room 103, 36 Gordon Square, London

Speaker: Dr. Dyno Keatinge, Director General of the World Vegetable Centre.

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

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