



News and Views March 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

Developing world medicines get more money... but is it well directed? Launch of the G-FINDER report 2010

The third annual G-FINDER report launched on 17 February reveals both positive and negative trends in global funding of research and development (R&D) of new neglected diseases products in 2009.

[More information](#)

Can agricultural interventions improve children's nutrition? 3ie – LIDC Seminar Series

Dr. Edoardo Masset Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies (IDS), presented a review of studies exploring the links between agricultural interventions and children's nutritional status.

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The next seminar is planned for 23 March and will focus on the impact of distance learning for health.

New podcast: Urban sanitation - assessing the problems and suggesting solutions

The lack of sanitation in slums worldwide is a major health concern and is likely to get worse as rapid urbanisation continues in Africa and Asia. In this first episode of Sanitation Matters, Dr Martin Mulenga, a senior researcher at the International Institute for Environment and Development, discusses the problems and successful projects he has seen in informal settlements across the globe.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Gender and the city Bloomsbury Gender Network colloquium

8 March 2011, 2 – 7 pm, Room 101, Development Planning Unit, 34 Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9EZ

The Bloomsbury Gender Network (BGN) would like to invite you to participate in this colloquium to celebrate International Women's Day 2011. The BGN is a network of colleagues working on gender who are interested in sharing seminars, research and resources across the Bloomsbury universities. At the end of this half day colloquium you are invited to stay on for a BGN reception to celebrate the International Women's Day as well as the second anniversary of the network.

[More information](#)

LIDC will be presenting at 'Getting into International Development'

10 March 2011, 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](#)

Gender and Poverty in the 21st Century public lecture

11 March, 6-8 pm, London School of Economics

The Discussion Panel on Gender and Poverty in the 21st Century features three eminent international experts - Professor Diane Elson (University of Essex), Professor Nancy Folbre (University of Massachusetts) and Professor Maxine Molyneux (Institute for the Study of the Americas, University of London). Following the conclusion of the Panel, there will be a reception and book launch in the Atrium area of the Old Building, at which copies of The International Handbook of Gender and Poverty will be available.

LIDC members dr Jasmine Gideon and dr Penny Vera-Sanso of Birkbeck have contributed chapters to the Handbook.

[More information](#)

Stop transmission of Polio (STOP) and Polio eradication seminar

14 March 2011, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

[More information](#)

New Developments in Public Health Systems in India

16 March 2011, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

Speaker(s): Drs Ravi Nrayan and Thelma Narayan

Chair: Professor Sir Andrew Haines

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9th Annual Ruth Steinkraus-Cohen International Law Lecture

16 March 2011, Brunei Lecture Theatre, SOAS

The International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) was created in 1994 to contribute to the process of national reconciliation in Rwanda and to the maintenance of peace in the region. Its task was to prosecute those responsible for genocide and other serious violations of international humanitarian law committed in Rwanda in 1994. It aims to complete its work this year so it is timely to review its impact on the development of international law since its creation. In December 2010, Judge Byron reported to the UN Security Council and will share with us his views on the ICTR's work and lessons learned over the last sixteen years.

This event is open to the public.

Please reserve your place through: info@unawestminster.org.uk

The political economy of social reproduction across the lifecourse: global perspectives

18 March 2011, 2 – 6 pm, LIDC

Speakers:

Tanja Bastia (University of Manchester)

Jasmine Gideon (Birkbeck College)

Penny Vera Sanso (Birkbeck College)

Karen Wells (Birkbeck College)

Sam Punch (University of Stirling)

Nicola Yeates (Open University)

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PUBLIC HEALTH LECTURE SERIES: Challenges in International Health

London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

The lecture series in March will focus on themes such as global mental health and obesity.

All Lectures begin at 5:15 pm in John Snow Lecture Theatre, unless otherwise indicated.

[More information](#)

LCLL annual lecture - The path to high performance: strategy and implementation

22 March 2011, 6.30 pm, Institute of Education

A lecture by Sir Michael Barber will look at the latest evidence from international benchmarking on what works in improving systems, including what is generic and what depends on the starting point and context. He will also argue that understanding implementation as well as strategy is fundamental to achieving high performance.

[More information](#)

Applied Risk Analysis in Epidemiology course

23 – 27 May 2011, London

The course will be delivered jointly by EpiX Analytics and the Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health Group of the Royal Veterinary College. This course combines the expertise and experience in applied risk analysis of researchers at the RVC with the unique hands-on knowledge in quantitative risk assessment of EpiX's consultants.

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GRANTS & VACANCIES

Research Fellow /Lecturer in Medical Statistics

LSHTM Department of Infectious Disease Epidemiology– Ref: TEG10-MRC

Deadline: 23 March 2011

NIHR Research Methods Fellowships and Internships

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Trainees Coordinating Centre (TCC) is launching a second round of NIHR Research Methods Fellowships and Internships to support the development of individuals with expertise in research methods including:-

- Medical statistics;
- Health economics;
- Clinical trial design;
- Operational research; and
- Modelling.

Deadline: 30 March 2011.

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Bloomsbury International Development PhD Studentships still available

LIDC is contributing about £30,000 towards fieldwork costs for three 3-year PhD Studentships offered under the annual Bloomsbury Colleges PhD studentships scheme. The funds will support research projects on a range of topics related to international development issues - such as gender violence, agricultural and health subsidies, and cross-cultural training. Out of 12 Bloomsbury PhD studentships awarded this year, four are related to international development.

Successful applicants will begin their PhDs in autumn 2011.

Application deadlines approaching:

Gender violence and adult learning in post-apartheid South Africa

Dr Jenny Parkes (with Dr Elaine Unterhalter), Institute of Education

Dr Jasmine Gideon, Birkbeck

Deadline: 31 March 2011

Intelligent hands; a cross-cultural study of apprenticeship and skilled work

Prof Trevor Marchand, School of Oriental and African Studies

Prof Lorna Unwin, Institute of Education

Deadline: 31 May 2011

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EXTERNAL OPPORTUNITIES

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: extended till 15 March 2011.

[More Information](#)

World Bank International Essay Competition 2011 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. LIDC is part of the Steering Committee and juries panel for the competition.

Students and young researchers under 25 years old can participate in the competition and win 3000 USD as well as a seat in 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.

[More information](#)

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