

DSA Ireland Annual Conference

Dublin, 24-25 November 2016

Beyond Aid? Innovative Models
For Social Justice

Venue: Education & Research Centre, Our
Lady's Hospice & Care Services, Harold's
Cross, Dublin 6W

DSA Ireland provides a national platform, an open and participatory space for dialogue between researchers, policy-makers and practitioners who have an interest in, or are working in, the area of international development. It supports cohesion and capacity-building in the development studies sector and promotes strategic alliances and partnerships to promote and enhance the Irish development studies sector.

It harnesses research to support and promote coherent evidence-based development. Its policy and practice aims at the reduction of global poverty, the enhancement of all forms of equality and respect for human rights. DSA Ireland currently supports nine groups: Child Health; Water; Nutrition; Civil Society; Education; Gender, Humanitarian Action; Research in Action and a Postgraduate Students one.

Each group is run by a convenor with experience and/or expertise in the given area. Study Groups are involved in different activities such as occasional seminars/workshops focused on new research; collaborative projects on key thematic areas; conducting research and supporting new research initiatives; engaging in dialogue with other researchers and practitioners and participating in thematic sessions as part of the programme of events at the DSA Ireland Annual Conference.

Background

Development theory and practice should always be subject to critical scrutiny in a spirit of innovation. There is a widespread mood across the sector that we need to reflect on means 'beyond aid' to achieve social justice. Development agencies are beginning to reconsider the need for industrial strategies after a long period when market mechanisms had total priority. NGOs are debating whether the current models they operate under are fit for purpose today to pursue social justice. We need open, respectful dialogue between critical voices, the NGOs and Irish Aid.

Today across the world we can see a myriad of alternative development theories and strategies that barely register with most development agencies and NGOs. Going back we can also note a continuous preoccupation with the need for a developmental state and an active industrial policy in the South while many in the North accepted the wisdom of the unregulated market.

Aim

The 2016 DSAI conference will seek to inform, explore and dialogue with alternative development paradigms. To go 'beyond aid' will open up a space for reflection and debate on innovative models and practices to achieve social justice. The

Irish common sense around development – shared to a large extent by government, non-governmental organisations and academia needs to open up to new voices.

Theme

The DSAI Study Groups on Humanitarian Action, Gender, Child Health, Nutrition, Civil Society, Education, Water, will be addressing the need of new thinking 'beyond aid'. We are open to all sectors and thematic interests groups who wish to open up an alternative space for dialogue beyond the current consensus. We also will provide a platform for ongoing development research from any perspective as it is our practice.

Topics to be explored include but are not restricted to the following:

- Does the dominant economic model actually cause conflict in the South, for example around land grabbing and resource exploitation? How can this be changed?
- Have the development NGOs shifted from an empowering perspective to a role supporting the dominant model? If so, how might that be addressed and what would the implications be?
- Does the Western model of civil society and civil society strengthening marginalize local representative social structures and therefore reduce the potential for independent development and indigenous modernization?
- Does the 'development and migration' perspective address the needs of migrants? Should Ireland be playing a greater role in the current migration crisis?
- Is the developmental state a thing of the past or does it have renewed relevance today after the Great Recession? If it does what does it mean to NGOs and development agencies?
- Does development assistance perpetuate dependency by reproducing dominant structures? If so how can dependency be reduced other than through de-linking? What are the options here?
- Do international development strategies such as the SDGs miss the need for industrial policy in the South? Would they be able to be integrated? What are the options here?
- Does the post-development perspective offer an alternative to the dominant model or is it just a critique? Do the NGOs work with social movements that see themselves as 'post development'?
- Does 'sustainable development' mean that the current theory and practice of development is inadequate? What are the sustainable development models and where are the practical experiences to validate them?
- Do indigenous development cosmologies offer an alternative to the dominant Western modernization model? How do we translate this critical voice into development discourse and practice?

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

DAY 1 – Thursday 24th November 2016

9.45-10.30	Opening Keynote Address: “Time to listen. Time to speak out” - Jonathan Glennie, Director, Ipsos MORI Introduction: Mary van Lieshout, DSAI Steering Committee Member
10.30-11.15	Keynote Address: “The Sustainable Development Goals, Refugees, and Higher Education” Susan McMonagle, Protection Assistant, UNCHR Ireland Introduction: Dr. Sean Farren, (DSAI Chair)
11.15-12.00	Coffee Break
12.00-13.30	Parallel Sessions (see below)
13.30-14.30	Lunch and Annual General Meeting
14.30-16.00	Parallel Sessions
16.00- 18.30	Buffet Reception

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DAY 2 – Friday 25th November 2016

9.45-10.30	Invited Speaker: “Why social movements matter for achieving social justice” Dr. Leandro Vergara Camus, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London Introduction: Tanja Kleibl (DSAI Civil Society Convener)
10.30-11.00	Coffee Break
11.00-12.30	Parallel Sessions
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-15.00	Parallel Sessions
15.00-16.20	Plenary Roundtable: ‘Beyond Aid? What Options?’ Dr. Abdul Ilal, independent consultant, Mozambique Suzanne Keatinge, Chief Executive Officer, Dóchas Dr. Leandro Vergara Camus, SOAS, UK Dr. Tina Wallace, Trócaire and University of Oxford Dr. Salam Said, University of Bremen, Germany Chair: Dr. Lorna Gold , Head of Advocacy and Policy, Trócaire
16.20-16.30	Closing Remarks: Prof. Ronaldo Munck (DSAI Secretary)

Day 1

Session 1 12:00 - 13:30

Auditorium Civil Society 1

Civil Society in Development and Beyond!

"International NGOs operating in a fast changing environment" Dr. Tina Wallace (Trócaire/University of Oxford)

"Aggregating Subjective Wellbeing: Reflecting local meaning in Global Results" Jenny O'Connor, (Misean Cara)

"Participatory Learning and Action, A Method in search of an epistemology" Paul Keating (Limerick Institute of Technology)

"Knowledge Sharing in International Development NGOs and Partnerships: Towards Addressing the Inefficiencies" John Lannon (University of Limerick), John Walsh (University of Limerick), Elizabeth Kennedy (Trócaire)

"Results based management: Innovative help or hindrance to social justice?"

Dr. Enida Friel (Oxfam Ireland), Dr. Susan Murphy (Trinity College Dublin), Grace Kiernan, Patrick Considine, Aaron Cunningham, Molly Middlehurst, Angelina DeMarco (Masters in Development Practice, Trinity College Dublin and University College Dublin).

Chair: Prof. Ronaldo Munck (Dublin City University and DSAI Secretary)

Room 1 General Development 1

"Beyond the GDP Fetish: Africa Genuine Savings and Development" Prof. Ian Taylor (University of St. Andrews)

"Post-Commodity Africa: Industrial Policy as Assemblage" Prof. Pdraig Carmody (Trinity College Dublin)
Development Aid, SDG and Industrial Policy Linkages"

Davron Ishnazarov (Statistical, Economic, and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries)

"Leaving no one behind in the 2030 Agenda: Can aid be helpful?" C. Ngosa

"Adapted Tea Value Chain Development in Tuyên Quang, Vietnam"

Chloe Desjonquères, (Masters Candidate, Trinity College Dublin and University College Dublin)

Chair: Prof. Pdraig Carmody (DSAI General Development Convenor)

Room 2 Child Health 1

Beyond Aid: Exploring Innovative Models of Capacity Development in Nursing, Midwifery and the Health Sciences: A Collaborative Partnership between Mzuzu University (MZUNI), Malawi and University College Cork (UCC), Ireland – Achieving Global Social Justice through Higher Education

Dr. Mbuko Baluwa (Mzuzu University, Malawi), Dr. Loveness Kaunda (Mzuzu University, Malawi); Dr. Rosari Griffin (University College Cork) and Dr. Patricia Leahy-Warren (University College Cork)

Diplomatic Cost-Effectiveness Analysis Threshold Sebastien Kevany (University of California, San Francisco)

How the students and staff of DUCE, perceive and engage with reproductive and sexual health and reproductive and sexual health education, information, services and supports available at DUCE - the rise of unplanned pregnancy and the myths surrounding contraception

Sinéad Murray, (Masters Candidate, Trinity College Dublin and University College Dublin)

Increasing access to the HIV prevention, treatment and care for injecting drug users, MSMs and other key affected populations in Sub-Sahara Africa Florian Schieben

AIDS is still not over: A comparison of Dóchas member responses from 2007 – 2012

Jacinta Whelan (APA & Dóchas HIV and AIDS Working Group); Breda Gahan (Concern & Dóchas HIV and AIDS Working Group), Meenu Mathur (Independent Consultant)

Chair: Dr. Niall Conroy (DSAI Child Health Study Group Convenor)

Day 1

Session 1 12:00 - 13:30

Room 3 Postgraduate Students Study Group

This session, for postgraduate students, will introduce the DSAI and the role of the PG Working Group within it. The session will be participatory, foregrounding input by students. The Guidelines for Ethical Fieldwork Overseas will be launched, with a brief overview of the process from conceptualisation to production. This offers an insight into how DSAI student led projects do happen! The session will explore the kinds of valuable training DSAI can offer and will host a brainstorming discussion on the kinds of events, workshops and initiatives that attendees would be interested in having with the DSAI.

Chair: Derina Johnson (DSAI Postgraduate Representative)

Day 1

Session 2 14:30-16:00

Auditorium Education 1

“Teachers and Development – Crisis and Opportunity” Prof. Bob Moon (Emeritus Professor of Education)

“A template for teacher education and development - examples from India, Kenya and Sierra Leone”

Garret Campbell (CEO, The Global Schoolroom)

“Teacher education arising from the immersive experience of overseas volunteering”

Dr. Mags Liddy (School of Education, University of Limerick)

“Safe learning model – A new approach to improving education levels for the most vulnerable”

Jenny Hobbs and Bernadette Crawford (Concern Worldwide)

“Education for democracy in Malawi: An encounter between development imperatives and local cultures” Peter Namphande, (University of Malawi)

Chair: Prof. Paul Conway (University of Limerick)

Room 1 Gender 1

Women Engaged: Politics, Participation and Economy

“Status and Good Behaviour– How Women in Patriarchal Zimbabwe Influence Power Holders on Issues of Concern to Them” Alix Tiernann, Róisín Gallagher (Christian Aid Ireland) R.Meena, and Paul O’Connor (University of Limerick)

“Women’s participation in the election process of 2015 in Tanzania” Alix Tiernann, Róisín Gallagher (Christian Aid Ireland) R.Meena, Niamh Ní Ruairc (Oxfam Ireland)

“Pushing the boundaries: Understanding women’s participation and decision making” Emma Newbury (Trócaire/Newstone Global), Dr. Tina Wallace (Trócaire/University of London), Karen Murphy (Trócaire)

“Assessing the socio-economic impact of pasture development on women pastoralists and agro-pastoralists in Baringo County, Kenya” Caoimhe Costigan (Masters Candidate, Masters in Development Practice, Trinity College Dublin and University College Dublin)

“Actionaid’s work promoting the use of industrial policy to create more and better jobs for women”

Siobhan McGee (ActionAid Ireland), Lila Caballero (ActionAid UK), Ruth Kelly, (ActionAid International and University of York)

“Innovative Holistic Approaches to Gender Justice: Understanding Conflict Affected Femininities in Timor-Leste” Clíonadh O’ Keeffe, (PhD Candidate, National University of Ireland, Galway)

Chair: Dr. Stacey Scriver, DSAI Gender Study Group Convenor

Day 1

Session 2 14:30-16:00

Room 2 Nutrition 1

Nutrition in Action

This session will bring together a range of speakers to explore nutrition research, and the challenges and barriers that exist in this field. It will also explore types of collaborations, gaps that exist, and the future of nutrition in development studies.

Room 3 Research in Action

This interactive session will explore the need for, and opportunities around, sharing research in formats that are accessible to researchers, NGOs and policy makers. The session will begin by discussing challenges associated with the communication of research findings between various stakeholder groups and understanding the implications of these challenges. The session will then facilitate participants to work through and brainstorm examples of processes and formats for communicating research more effectively. The focus will centre on both research for practice and the policy development community.

Speaker Maja Haals Løndorf (Children's Research Network for Ireland and Northern Ireland and PhD Candidate, London School of Economics)

Discussant: Finbar O'Brien (Irish Aid)

Day 2

Session 3 11:00-12:30

Auditorium General Development 2

"Institutional Resilience in Social Protection In Developing Countries: New Challenges Facing Conditional Cash Transfer Programmes In Brazil And The Philippines"

Mark Curry, PhD Candidate (National University of Ireland, Galway)

"The Perceptions Of Managers Implementing The UN/INGO Emergency Shelter Response For Syrian Refugees Living In Informal Settlements: A Case Study of Emergency Shelter Response In Akkar District, Lebanon" Eoin O'Donnell, (Masters Candidate Kimmage Development Studies Centre)

"Can Beggars Be Choosers? Twaweza's Model As Case For Greater Funding Ownership And Alignment In The Post-Paris Declaration Era" Dr. Goretti Nakabugo (Twaweza East Africa)

"Case Study Of Community Organisation In Informal Settlements In Ajmer, India"

Emily Gamble (Masters Candidate, Masters in Development Practice, Trinity College Dublin and University College Dublin)

"Rethinking Development Partnerships Intellectually: Cognitive Justice Matters"

Dr. Su-Ming Khoo, (National University of Ireland, Galway)

"Using Digital and Social Media tools in Calais Refugee Camp, to create a communicative platform for camp residents" (Kathy O'Hare PhD Candidate, University College Cork)

"Business Development Services - Developing Business Model For Rural Microenterprises. Comparative Case Study Of Rural Microenterprises In Madagascar"

Sandra Segin, (Masters Candidate, Trinity College Dublin and University College Dublin)

"Effects Of Power-Bases In Humanitarian Aid Coordination" Okezie Emmanuel Emuaga (University of Limerick)

Chair: Prof. Pádraig Carmody (DSAI General Development Convenor)

Day 2

Session 3 11:00-12:30

Room 1 Civil Society 2

Civil Society in Development and Beyond!

Mixed Messages? Exploring issues of representation in the Irish development NGO sector

Lydia Kelly (MA Candidate, National University of Ireland, Galway)

Storytelling and Development Alternatives Ruth Kelly (Action Aid international and University of York)

Interrogating Civil Society in Mozambique Dr. Abdul Ilal, Independent Consultant, Mozambique

Civil Society strengthening in Mozambique, lessons learned

Inocencio Macuacua (Governance Advisor, Irish Embassy Mozambique)

Final roundtable discussion: "Civil society beyond aid: Myth or reality?"

Inocencio Macuacua, Governance Advisor, Irish Embassy Mozambique; Dr. Abdul Ilal, Independent Consultant, Mozambique; Tanja Kleibl (DSAI Civil Society Study Group Convenor)

Chair: Prof. Ronaldo Munck (DSAI Secretary)

Room 2 Child Health 2

Global Child Health: Where are we now and where should we be going?

"Global Neonatal Health; the Who? When? Where? and Why? "

Dr. Niall Conroy

"Global Child Health: The current situation transitioning from the MDG to the SDG era"

Audience discussion:

"Local engagement with a global problem; Irish priorities for global child health in the next 10 years"

Chair: Dr. Niall Conroy (DSAI Child Health Study Group Convenor)

Room 3 Education 2

"North-South Partnerships for Higher Education and Research Development: A Critical Analysis"

Dr. Fiona Bailey (Kimmage Development Studies Centre)

"Epistemological colonization in North / South Higher Education relationships"

Prof. Anne Ryan (Maynooth University)

"Ethics and Power in North - South Health Research" Dr. Aisling Walsh (Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland)

"A review of Higher Education Collaboration for Development Practitioners: Two Decades On"

Paddy Reilly (Kimmage Development Studies Centre); Dr. Salone Ole Sena, (MS Training Centre for Development Cooperation, Tanzania)

Chair: Dr. Sean Farren (DSAI Chair)

Day 2
Session 4 13:30-15:00

Auditorium
Gender 2

Spaces and Places for Challenging and Changing Development Agendas

“Changing social and cultural norms – the importance of understanding context”

Dr. Fiona O'Reilly, Dr. Stacey Scriver, Lifah Sanudi, Dr. Nata Duvvury, Nicola Ndovi, Deirdre Ní Cheallaigh (Kerena Consulting; National University of Ireland, Galway; REACH Trust, Malawi; Trócaire)

“Top-down or bottoms up political will and commitment of duty- bearers”

Nita Mishra (PhD Candidate, University College Cork), Dr Lahiff (University College Cork)

“Unravelling the gender bind, uncovering the heterogeneity of domination”

Molly Middlehurst (Masters Candidate, Trinity College Dublin), Dr. Susan Murphy (Trinity College Dublin), N O'Rourke (Trinity College Dublin/University College Dublin), C. Raphael (Dar Es Salaam University College of Education / Oxfam Ireland), D. Shilla (Dar Es Salaam University College of Education / Oxfam Ireland)

“Community based approaches to tackling gender-based violence in Malawi: Lessons and challenges of involving women and men” Dr. Niamh Gaynor and Máirtín Cronin

Chair: Dr. Stacey Scriver (DSAI Gender Study Group Convenor)

Room 1
Nutrition 2

Nutrition in our Universities and NGOs

This session will explore what has changed in nutrition education. It will examine new skills in nutrition education as well as emerging gaps. The needs of NGOs will also be explored, as well as the future direction of nutrition education for both NGOs and Universities.

Room 2
Education and Humanitarian Action

“Higher Education as a socio-economic advancement for refugees”

Dr. Salam Said (University of Bremen, Germany)

“Images, emotions, and empathy: communicating humanity and reality” Dr. Walt Kilroy (Dublin City University)

“Education in Emergency: Present Dignity, Future Hope” Dr. Andrea Lari (Integratis International Advisors)

“Reconnecting Syria's Students” Dr. Paul O'Keeffe (Jamiya Project and Academic Advisor, Brussels)

Chair: Dr. Rob Kevlihan (DSAI Humanitarian Action Study Group Convenor)

Room 3
General Development 3

“Land Grabbing And Its Impacts On Local Community: Experiences From Bako Tibe District, Western Ethiopia” Tesema Amaya (Dire Dawa University, Ethiopia)

“Middle Age again, land grabbing as the new feudalism. Parallelism and possible solutions”

Alessia Volpe (Masters Candidate, Trinity College Dublin/University College Dublin)

“Community Development and Conservation: Status of the Implementation of Forest Rights Act in Two States of India” Dr. Sailaja Nandigama (Birla Institute of Technology and Science, India)

“Development As Accumulation-Agriculture And Economic Reforms In India” U.J Siddiqi (University of Delhi, India)

“What Defines Sustainable Land Management In Dryland Areas: A Case Study Of Baringo Basin, Kenya”

Veda Muppavarapu (Masters Candidate, Trinity College Dublin and University College Dublin)

“A glance at the Collective Reparation Program in Colombia: Between assistance and achieving justice”

Alejandro Valderrama Herrera (National University of Colombia Colombia)

“Civil Bodies – A Blessing or a Wolf in a Sheep's Clothing? The Case of Street Vendors In New Delhi, India”

M. Agrawal and Rhiya Singh (University of Delhi, India)

Chair: Prof. Pádraig Carmody (DSAI General Development Convenor)

