



Centre for Global Development Summer School

## Understanding Development: Interdisciplinary Perspectives

23-26 June 2014, University of Leeds, UK

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### Programme

#### June 23rd: Introduction to Development

9 - 10 Registration & Coffee/tea

10 - 12 **Introduction and Programme discussion**, Polly Wilding (Director of the Centre for Global Development) & Egle Cesnulyte (Centre for Global Development)

12 - 1 Lunch

1 - 2.30 **Jose Manuel Roche** (research director of "Save the Children") keynote lecture:

***Monitoring equitable progress in the post2015 development goals: connecting the "Leave no one behind" and "share prosperity" principles based on a multidimensional perspective***

The new post2015 sustainable development goals aim to overcome one of the main weaknesses of their antecessor Millennium Development Goals (MDGs): being blind to inequality. While countries have made substantial achievements in reducing poverty and various forms of deprivation, progress has often being uneven and accompanied by raising inequalities. There is a growing consensus that from conception the new goals should promote equitable progress. The high level panel report proposed to place at the centre of the new framework the "leave no one behind" principle, and ensuring that the goals focus on excluded groups so no person – regardless of ethnicity, gender, geography, disability, race or other status – is left behind. The World Bank has proposed to "boost share prosperity" by shifting from a focus on average economic growth to promoting income growth amongst the bottom 40 percent of people. These initiatives are all welcome, but we argue the new goals and its monitoring system need to go further. The framework needs a multidimensional perspective of share prosperity that ensure that no one is left behind from enjoying progress in the multiple dimensions of human wellbeing. This paper discusses the methodological challenges that such approach implies for the monitoring of the new development goals.

2.30 - 5.30 **Session 1. Poverty: Jorg Wiegartz (POLIS) & Gaston Yalonetzky (LUBS)\***

This session will look at poverty from various angles. First, we will explore its drivers, characteristics and repercussions. Second, we will analyse the different perspectives with

regard to poverty and poverty alleviation measures of key actors in the international development field. Third, we will consider the impact of neoliberalism on poverty in the Global South. Third, we will look at the debate surrounding international poverty comparisons. Finally, we will study the key characteristics of popular, non-state driven anti-poverty initiatives - more specifically the Making Poverty History campaign and celebrity aid.

5.30 - 6.30 Discussion, reflections & preparation for panel

6.30 - 8 Getting to know Leeds with Aijan; Belgrave Music Hall

### June 24<sup>th</sup>: Sustainable Development

9-12 **Session 2. Water Scarcity and Corporate Social Responsibility: Jon Lovett (Geography) & Anne Tallontire (SRI) \***

*Jon:* The challenges of water scarcity – now and in the near future

*Anne:* What are the responsibilities of multinational corporations with respect to water?

Case study discussions

Feedback

12-1 Lunch

1-4 **Session 3. Climate Compatible Development in rural Africa and Bottom-up Development in Urban Rio de Janeiro and Leeds: Theories, Policies, Practical Realities: Gary Dymski (LUBS) & Susannah Sallu (SRI)\***

*Susannah:* Within this session we will engage critically with the concept of 'Climate Compatible Development' in relation to Tanzania, a country context I have been working in over many years. I will reflect on the initial findings from research that has studied the extent to which CCD policy rhetoric fits with current policy initiatives and development ideals/visions in Tanzania and then facilitate a wider discussion of these issues.

*Gary:* This presentation examines four approaches to bottom-up development, to understand the lessons for global North and global South alike. Through examples of the US cities in 1960s and 1970s, Bangladesh and Rio de Janeiro in 1990s and 2000s as well as Leeds today, the session will explore different bottom-up approaches to urban development.

4-5 Discussion, reflections & preparation for panel

5-7 Visit to the St George's Crypt and discussion about poverty in Leeds.

### June 25<sup>th</sup>: Development 'from below': social movements and human development

9-12 **Session 4. Human rights, social movements and power: Jane Plastow (English) & Paul Routledge (Geography)\***

The workshop will discuss how social movements make change happen focusing on strategies and tactics, how folk (and ideas) mobilise across scale, and the perspectives of

art and politics. The workshop will draw upon Jane and Paul's research and popular engagement in South Asia.

Workshop structure

- Introduction
- Paul: social movements, networks and scholar-activism: occupation in Bangladesh
- Jane: Theatre of the Oppressed in India: Janasanskriti
- Discussion

12-1 Lunch

1-3 Film showing and discussion: **'Fellahin'**

**Directed and Produced by Habib Ayeb (University of Paris VIII) and Ray Bush (POLIS, University of Leeds)**

The film explores farmer responses to the 2011 uprisings in Tunisia and Egypt. It does through the use of interviews with a range of small farmers and in so doing helps promote hidden voices from the political upheavals that both countries have experienced since 2011.

After the film there will be a chance to discuss its contents of the film with Ray Bush who is also writing a book on the role, character and possible future direction of small farmer agriculture in Egypt and Tunisia.

3-3.30 Tea/coffee

3.30-5 **"Doing Development": Realities, opportunities and experiences (by RiDNet)**

Three current PhD students will discuss the realities of conducting research and working in developing country contexts. They will reflect on the best bits, worst bits and the things they wish they'd known. Sessions will be interactive, leaving plenty of time for discussions and sharing experiences.

5-6 Discussion, reflections & preparation for panel

7-9 Summer School Dinner at Fairuz

### June 26<sup>th</sup> : Interdisciplinary Discussions

9-11 **Panel Discussion: Development Alternatives**

Panel Chair: **Gaston Yalonetzky** (LUBS)

**Annina Kaltenbrunner** (LUBS) 'Alternative Macroeconomic Policies for Developing Countries'

Under the auspices of international organizations and the international investor community many developing countries have adopted an orthodox triangle of macroeconomic policies, characterized by inflation targeting regimes, floating exchange rates and further opening of their capital accounts. This presentation shows at the example of Brazil which problems these orthodox policies create for developing countries and suggests some alternative macroeconomic policies. These include the abandonment

of the supremacy of inflation control, carefully managed exchange rates and, above all, tighter regulations on international capital movements.

**Rosemary Morgan** (Global Public Health Unit, University of Edinburgh) 'Vertical programmes versus health systems strengthening'

Within global health there is a debate about how best to implement health interventions. Within resource-limited settings, a common approach is through vertical disease-specific programmes, such as programmes to provide care and support for people living with HIV/AIDS or to reduce the transmission of tuberculosis. These programmes are often developed and funded by specific international donors (e.g. USAID, DFID) or Global Health Initiatives, such as the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, some of which have been hugely successful in meeting their health-related development objectives. Such programmes, however, have been criticized for drawing important resources away from an already weak health system and their lack of sustainability. Alternatively, health system strengthening initiatives seek to integrate health services and strengthen a country's health system to provide sustainable health services without relying on donor-funded programmes, however, the benefits from these programmes can sometimes take years to realize. Using the Global Fund as an example, this presentation will look at the strengths and limitations of each approach and discuss possible ways forward.

**Helen Underhill** (University of Manchester) 'Transnational resistance and networks of solidarity: perspectives from the Egyptian diaspora'

In this brief presentation, Helen will outline some of the ways in which the Egyptian diaspora in the UK has engaged with the on-going revolution and political developments in Egypt. She will explore how, since 2011, these activists build and shape connections of resistance and solidarity, and will reflect on the importance of hearing transnational voices in understanding mobilisation for social change.

**Ayona Datta** (Geography) 'Smart cities' in India

Ayona will critique the megalomaniac and utopian planning schemes being implemented in India and their consequences on social and spatial justice.

11-12 Preparation for participant panel discussion

12-1 Lunch

1- 3 Participants panels

3-3.30 Coffee

3.30-5 **Professor Ruth Pearson**, keynote lecture:

***"It's so hard to do development: problems and possibilities of equitable development in the 21st Century"***

Ruth Pearson will be drawing on her extensive experience in academia and as an activist, including the emergence of the gender and development agenda, global gender issues and the role of feminism in understanding the complexity of unequal gender relations. Ruth is an economist has worked on a wide range of issues in different areas of the globe, including production and social reproduction, the gender and work in the global economy, gender and economic crisis, migrant workers in the global market and striking

women workers in the UK. She has worked with many development agencies including DFID, EU, World Bank, UNDP and UNRISD, and also with NGOs such as Oxfam, Plan International, Practical Action, Homeworkers Worldwide, Association of Women's Rights Development and the UK Women's Budget Group. She is an Emeritus Professor of International Development at the University of Leeds.

5-6 Evaluation and wrap-up.

\* sessions will include a coffee break