

**Report of the DSA Scotland/Adam Smith Business
School/University of Glasgow Centre for Development Studies Mini
Conference - Friday 1st June 2018**



University of Glasgow

**CONTEMPORARY APPROACHES TO DEVELOPMENT
POLICY**



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This was one of the most successful One-Day Conferences that DSA Scotland has organised. There was a welcome range of external speakers as well as presentations by established development studies researchers based in Scotland and by doctoral research students. Dr Sandra Sequeira from the London School of Economics was the keynote speaker, and the Panel on "The Future of Aid" brought together a number of contributors including Professor Anil Bhuiamali from Raiganj University (West Bengal, India), Judith Herbertson from DFID, Jane Salmonson from the NGO sector (Scottish International Development Alliance), and Jesper Damgaard from WYG International Consultancy (a notable first contribution by this sector to DSA Scotland proceedings). There were some lively questions and discussions associated with the presentations.

The grandness of the Senate Room of Glasgow University (the venue of the Conference) was also of great help. Indeed, all of those who participated greatly enjoyed attending the event.

It is intended that digital versions of some of the presentations will be uploaded, together with a selection of photographs, to the University of Glasgow's Centre for Development Studies webpage

(<https://www.gla.ac.uk/schools/business/postgraduate/economics/gcds/eventsatthegraduatecentrefordevelopmentstudies/#/archivedevents>)

but this is taking some time to organise. In addition, a podcast recording of the Panel presentations was made and it should be possible to make this available through the CDS webpage.

On the day there were 44 participants – varying somewhat during the conference. The records also show that 21 people signed up for the event but were not present – several of these gave apologies in advance for their absence.

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Venue: Senate Room 461, Main Building

The following was the actual running order of the programme on the day

10.00 – 10.30 am Coffee and Preliminary Networking

Welcome to Participants:

Mozammel Huq (Convenor, DSA Scotland) and

Céline Azémar (Chairperson, Centre for Development Studies, University of Glasgow)

10.30 – 12.00 noon First set of presentations and discussion

Chair: Luis Angeles (University of Glasgow)

Vibhor Saxena (University of St Andrews)

Social Groups and Credit Shocks: Evidence of Inequalities in Consumption Smoothing. With Philippe LeMay-Boucher (Heriot-Watt University) and Ishaan Bindal (Barcelona Graduate School of Economics)

Sayantana Ghosal (University of Glasgow) – Skype presentation

Informal Creditors and Efficient Debt Workouts with Dania Thomas (University of Glasgow)

Souvik Datta (University of Glasgow)

Centimetres and Kilogrammes Lost to Smoke: Household Air Pollution, Stunting and Wasting in Indian Children

12.00 noon – 1.00 pm Keynote presentation

Chair: Mozammel Huq (University of Strathclyde – DSA Scotland)

Sandra Sequeira (London School of Economics)

Closing the Gender Gap in Management and Performance: Evidence from Microenterprises in Mozambique

1.00– 2.00 pm Buffet Lunch and Networking

2.00 – 3.45 pm Second set of presentations and discussion by PhD students

Chair: Arjunan Subramanian (University of Glasgow)

Seemanti Ghosh (University of Glasgow)

Adversity Priming and Using Life-skill Training to Mitigate its Impact: Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial in India

Mark Adams (University of Edinburgh)

Finding a Balance: Development, Post-Secularism and a Good Life

Alma Sobrevilla (University of Glasgow)

The Role of Cognitive Ability on Children's Participation and Time Allocation between Work, Schooling and Housework

3.45 – 5.30 pm Round Table Discussion – The Future of Aid

Chair: Céline Azémar (University of Glasgow)

Anil Bhuijali (Raiganj University of West Bengal, India)

Jesper Damgaard (Managing Director, International Development, WYG Consultancy)

Judith Herbertson (Head of Department, Governance, Open Societies and Anti-Corruption Department, Economic Development Division of the UK Department of International Development)

Jane Salmonson (Chief Executive, Scottish International Development Alliance)

Michael Tribe (University of Strathclyde and University of Glasgow – DSA Scotland)

5.30 pm Tea/Coffee, Networking

Depart

The event was advertised as being free and open to the DSA Members as well as to Non-members – with light refreshments being offered.

The organisers of the event were:

Céline Azémar – Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics and Chair, Centre for Development Studies, University of Glasgow – celine.azemar@glasgow.ac.uk

Mozammel Huq – DSA Scotland, Department of Economics, University of Strathclyde – m.m.huq@strath.ac.uk

Michael Tribe – DSA Scotland, Department of Economics, University of Strathclyde – michael.tribe@strath.ac.uk

The organisers are extremely grateful to Laura Clark for providing administrative support, and to John Tsoukalas (Head of the Economics Department, Admin Smith Business School) for agreeing to provide financial support for the participation of Business School Doctoral and Masters students, and for the travel costs of Sandra Sequeira.

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Conference Participants

Speakers/Organisers/Chairpersons (14)

Luis Angeles	University of Glasgow
Céline Azémar	University of Glasgow
Anil Bhumali	Raiganj University
Jesper Damgaard	WYG Consultants
Souvik Datta	University of Glasgow
Sayantana Ghosal	University of Glasgow – Skype presentation
Judith Herbertson	Department of International Development
Mozammel Huq	University of Strathclyde
Sandra Sequeira	London School of Economics
Jane Salmonson	Scotland's International Development Alliance
Michael Tribe	University of Glasgow
Mark Adams	University of Edinburgh – Doctoral Student
Seemanti Ghosh	University of Glasgow – Doctoral Student
Alma Sobrevilla	University of Glasgow – Doctoral Student

Staff/DSA members (12)

Wenya Cheng	University of Glasgow
Eileen Cook	Scotland's Rural College (SRUC)
Sai Ding	University of Glasgow
Firdu Gemech	University of West of Scotland
Dermot Grenham	Independent
Paul Hare	Herriot Watt University
Rose Mary Harley	University of Strathclyde
Azra Meadows	University of Glasgow
Peter Meadows	University of Glasgow
Mary Ryan	University of Glasgow
Arjunan Subramanian	University of Glasgow
Shirley Turberville	University of West of Scotland

Doctoral students (7)

Prateek Chandra Bhan	University of Glasgow
Nasira Rauf Bradley	Strathclyde University
Sharada Davidson	University of Strathclyde
Jessie Nabulambo Kilembe	University of Glasgow
Spyridon Lazarakis	University of Glasgow
Shazmeen Maroof	University of Strathclyde
Max Schroder	University of Glasgow

Masters students (11)

Abdulbaset Alsaban	University of Glasgow
Juan Cisneros Bohorquez	University of Glasgow
Diana Agnes Bulya	University of Glasgow
Katherine Buitrago Chavarro	University of Glasgow

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Rashed Nedal Jayousi	University of Glasgow
Luiza Linton	University of Glasgow
Elitsa Marinova	University of Glasgow
Katie Morrison	University of Glasgow
Jyotir Nisha	University of Glasgow
Linn Sailer	University of Glasgow
Marko Saric	University of Glasgow

Signed up but not present on the day (21)

Staff/DSA members (14)

Doctoral students (1)

Masters students (6)