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EADI - the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes - is a Europe-wide network of institutes, researchers and students of various disciplines in the field of Development Studies. EADI offers facilities for the international exchange of knowledge and experiences in the professional field. The association was founded in 1975 and is an independent and non-profit making international non-governmental organisation. Its Secretariat is based in Bonn, Germany.

EADI's objectives are:

- To generate and stimulate exchange of information among European scientists and researchers concerned with development issues,
- To promote interdisciplinary studies on specific themes,
- To develop contacts with researchers from other regions of the world.

Members take part in thematic working groups which organise conferences, seminars, research projects and publish their results in the EADI Book Series. EADI publishes its academic journal, the EJDR - The European Journal of Development Research five times a year. Its most prominent activity is a General Conference devoted to a topical theme every three years. EADI is part of ICCDA, Interregional Coordinating Committee of Development Associations.

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L'EADI - Association européenne des instituts de recherche et de formation en matière de développement est le réseau européen d'instituts, de chercheurs, et d'étudiants venant de disciplines variées spécialisés dans le domaine des études du développement. L'EADI facilite l'échange international de connaissances et d'expériences au niveau professionnel. L'association a été fondée en 1975; elle est une organisation non-gouvernementale indépendante sans but lucratif. Son secrétariat est situé à Bonn en Allemagne.

Les buts de l'EADI sont:

- de produire et de stimuler l'échange d'information parmi les scientifiques et chercheurs européens concernés par les questions du développement,
- de promouvoir des études interdisciplinaires sur des thèmes spécifiques,
- de développer les contacts avec les chercheurs d'autres continents.

Les membres participent à des groupes de travail thématiques qui organisent des conférences, des séminaires et des projets de recherche; leurs résultats sont publiés dans les EADI Book Series. Cinq fois par an, l'EADI publie un journal pour les universitaires et les chercheurs intitulé EJDR - The European Journal of Development Research. L'activité majeure de l'EADI est la conférence générale organisée tous les trois ans sur un thème particulier. L'EADI fait partie de l'ICCDA, le Comité de coordination interrégional des associations du développement.

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I. Message from the President

Times of crisis even more pronouncedly bring to the fore some of the challenges facing an understanding of development as a matter of social justice, human dignity, human rights, mutual respect, and the freedom from want. EADI has responded to two of the crises during last year by official statements: we emphasized the need for global solidarity in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic and took side and a knee on #BlackLivesMatter. We thereby seek to underline our understanding that, if development is taken seriously, it is a value-based matter. It requires to take a stand.

Matters of development include material as well as moral and ethical components. The global pandemic caused socio-economic misery among large parts of the world's population. But it did not stop the rich from getting richer, while misery grew. This is a painful reminder that something is utterly wrong with the dominant notion of "development". The car manufacturer Lamborghini recorded in 2020 its best business ever. So much about limiting environmental degradation, promoting green economy, reducing socio-economic disparities, and taking care of each other (to list only a few of the multiple dimensions associated with "development", at least in the context of EADI).

The pandemic also affected us in our work. Due to the travel-related constraints we were unable to conduct our General Conference (shifted to 2021) and were forced to arrange for the General Assembly in cyberspace. It is regrettable that a key element of human communication thereby had to be sacrificed by force of circumstances. I herewith would like to thank again all those who ended their term(s) as members of the Executive Committee for their services and like to welcome all who have joined us.

As this report documents, we were anything but idle, despite the physical constraints. Many thanks deserve the members of the Secretariat, who adjusted and managed to maintain our high profile in current debates with the means at hand. Hopefully, we soon will be back to an interaction, which includes the essential modes of human communication such as body language, eye contact and other forms of exchanges beyond the virtual limitations created by cyberspace.

Development includes empathy and (com)passion as much as knowledge and rationality. We therefore remain even closer than before united with our colleagues and their institutions, who due to a government obsessed with anachronistic notions of national particularism face constraints and limitations in their efforts to establish global alliances based on solidarity, shared values, and common grounds. Just like reactionary politics elsewhere, limiting free speech, human rights advocacy, academic freedom, and recognition of and respect for otherness, brings us closer together instead of dividing us: the shared values and common grounds will not disappear, nor our engagement to promote development. This is based on the core themes of our General Conference shifted to early July 2021 with and at our collaborating partner institution, the Institute for Social Studies at The Hague, focusing on "Solidarity, Peace and Social Justice".

As EADI, we will continue to promote these aims, values, and practices jointly with all like-minded institutions and scholars wherever and whenever in this world of ours. It remains the only one we have. We need to leave it behind in the best possible condition for future generations. Development in this sense means to care for others as the best way to care for us and life on earth.



Henning Melber
President (2017-2021)
June 2021

II. Outlook 2021 – Report from the Executive Secretary

Climate change has hit Germany, The Netherlands and Belgium hard in the last week, with floods, devastation and over 200 people who perished, 44.000 affected. Even sceptics can see: what researchers and climate activists have been warning about for decades is now becoming harsh reality, also in industrialised countries. At the same time it becomes evident that there has been too little focus on adaptation issues such as warning systems and protective measures in endangered areas. If climate politics does not change dramatically, the decarbonisation of the economies will take decades, which makes it even more important to adapt to the changing climate conditions - in an ecologically sustainable way. Ecological renaturation, floodplain restoration including the reduction of habitat density in endangered areas are solutions that need attention now.

Meanwhile, people from the surrounding regions and regions with similar experiences of flood from Eastern Germany rushed to the devastated areas in solidarity to help those who lost everything.



“Solidarity, Peace and Social Justice” was the theme of the past EADI ISS conference which took place from 5 – 8 July 2021, this time entirely online. 700 participants from all over the world joined the over 130 panels, workshops, roundtables, and virtual visits to NGOs based in The Hague where the conference was initially to be held at the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS). The videos of the plenary sessions are available on EADI’s YouTube channel. In a concluding fishbowl setting, participants discussed questions such as “How has the pandemic changed our research practice? How do losses and gains balance out? What are the specific challenges faced by researchers in the Global South?” Organising the 2021 EADI ISS online conference allowed to open up a space for dialogue with an unprecedented number of participants from the Global South. We thank Kees Biekart and Sushrutha Vemuri from ISS for their commitment and cooperation, and are delighted to announce that our member institute ISEG (Lisbon School of Economics and Management) in Lisbon, Portugal, will host the next General Conference in 2023.

The discussions on Development Studies at the conference entered a new dimension. Development Studies requires “an epistemological and ontological change” write Elisabetta Basile and Isa Baud in the introduction to the recent EADI volume “Building Development Studies for a New Millennium”. Currently, a group of editors from our Management Committee are preparing a sequel of the book to be published in 2023 which will take this analysis one step further and explore

what a fundamental reconsideration of development studies based on notions of decoloniality, conviviality and solidarity might look like. One of the plenary sessions on “Questioning Development – Towards Solidarity, Decoloniality, Conviviality” at the EADI ISS conference hosted a discussion by four contributors to the book which is summarised here: www.developmentresearch.eu.

At the EADI Secretariat, we were preparing not only the conference, but also a series of virtual dialogues, so that we were able to offer 1-2 events per month. Two workshops for professionals of our member institutes will be held in autumn. One for academic coordinators of development studies courses, another one for research communicators in our network. In addition, we plan to hold a Directors’ Meeting in Bonn in November.

The Europe Aid funded project “Bridge 47 – Building Global Citizenship” will end in July 2021. It aimed to mobilise and empower global civil society to contribute to a transformation towards global justice

and eradication of poverty through Global Citizenship Education (GCE). EADI took the leading role in establishing three regional Knowledge Exchange Partnerships which serve to ensure a free flow of ideas and best practices for Global Citizenship Education between research institutions and civil society organisations. Within this project, EADI developed its first Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) which is available through the EADI Website. The project has also published the “Envision 47 Roadmap”, a must read for all those concerned with civil society. The Roadmap features 17 recommendations which can be used to shape and advise policy to ensure Global Citizenship Education remains a priority.

EADI is also involved as a communication partner in the EnerSHelF Project, a German-Ghanaian interdisciplinary project that brings together political economists, engineers, and partners from the private renewable energies sector. EnerSHelF deals with the sustainable and reliable energy supply for healthcare facilities in Ghana. Reliable, affordable electricity is needed to keep people connected at home and to run life-saving equipment in hospitals. The corona crisis has shown how important energy access is and the topic of the research project becomes even more relevant in times of a pandemic. In 2020, the basic field work of the project had to be postponed, and we used the time to feature the work of the various researchers in this project and their interdisciplinary approach, the results are available here: www.enersshelf.de

In 2021, another round of our journal mentoring programme JUMP started online, with 10 promising researchers from Nigeria, Uganda, Kenya, Cameroon, and South Africa. They were paired with mentors from the EADI network who will support them in writing their papers to be submitted to the European Journal of Development Research (EJDR) later in the year. Thanks to the great work of the editorial team of the EJDR, with Spencer Henson as chief editor and Natalia Lorenzoni as managing editor, the EJDR could again raise its profile and impact factor to 1.931.

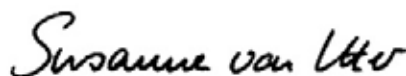
In 2020, another prominent activity of EADI, the International Accreditation Council for Global Development Studies and Research (IAC/EADI), underwent a self-evaluation. A team of evaluators chaired by Edith Phaswana from the University of South Africa made strong recommendations on the improvement of the accreditation criteria, and the internationalisation of the peer review teams. We thank Leo de Haan for chairing the IAC in the past four years. In 2021, a roadmap based on these recommendations will be implemented, so that an innovative accreditation scheme can be offered to institutes requesting advice for their studies programmes.

2020 was a special challenge for all of us, and on this occasion, I would like to thank our Secretariat team

which succeeded in shifting our physical events entirely online, and offered a continued service with innovative ideas and thought provoking blog articles, webinars and professional trainings.

I would like to conclude by thanking our most important funder, the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), for their continuous support of our activities, and for enabling the EADI Secretariat to be a vigorous member of the scientific community, play an active role in Europe, and contribute to the success of the International UN City of Bonn. Our special thanks go to our members, who constantly support our activities and enrich the association with innovative activities and advice.

With warm regards, and I hope you enjoy reading our activities and highlights from 2020.



Susanne von Itter
Executive Secretary
Bonn, July 2021

Mission Statement

“EADI is the prime professional association for Development Studies in Europe.

As such it promotes:

- Quality in research and education in development issues,
- The exchange of relevant information among members and with others,
- The strengthening of relevant knowledge networks at the regional and global level,
- Influencing both national and European decision-makers in the field of development co-operation.”

(Belgrade, November 2003)

III. 2020 in Retrospect – Activities and Highlights

Executive Committee Meetings

The Executive Committee manages the affairs of the Association, oversees EADI's aims and objectives as determined by the General Assembly, and organises the activities of the Association. It consists of a President and one representative per country, as well as co-opted members. The Executive Committee 2017–2020 is composed of sub-committees dealing with the following themes:

- Sub-committee on Publications
(chaired by Pedro Goulart and Bostjan Udovic)
- Sub-committee on Conferences
(chaired by Jürgen Wiemann and Kees Biekart)
- Sub-committee on Working Groups and Young Researchers
(chaired by Laura Camfield and Paola Minoia)
- Sub-committee on Research
(chaired by Katja Bender and Uma Kothari)
- Sub-committee on Outreach
(chaired by Antonio Sianes and Maria Sassi)

The Management Committee is composed of the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, the elected/appointed Chairs of the Sub-committees, and the Executive Secretary.

For a complete list of the members of the Executive Committee, please see page 25 of this Annual Report.

The EADI Executive Committee met twice in 2020, on 27 March and 11 December. The meetings took place online. At the March meeting, the Secretariat's progress report was presented, and the actions of the Secretariat were collectively approved. The 2019 accounts and the 2020 budget were approved, and the auditor for 2020 appointed. Outgoing Executive Committee members were thanked for their long-standing commitment. In December, the newly elected Executive Committee came together to define terms of references for the new sub-committees formed after the General Assembly. Several Management Committee meetings took place to prepare the Executive Committee meetings.

EADI General Assembly

On 30 June 2020, the triannual General Assembly took place online. Items on the agenda included the election of the Executive Committee 2020 – 2023 and the President, the financial situation, and the new constitution. The 2017–2019 accounts and 2020 budget were approved by the Assembly, and the Secretariat was

officially discharged. All new members who had joined over the past year were formally accepted and welcomed to the Association. The new constitution was accepted. The new and continuous national candidates to the Executive Committee were elected and congratulated. Henning Melber was elected by unanimous vote as the new EADI president. In his acceptance speech, he outlined his vision for the Association:

“It might be a platitude but is a reminder for all we say and do: solidarity in its true meaning cannot be confined to words only. Unless these are also reflected in what we do and how we do it, solidarity remains a rather meaningless tokenism or lip service. Declarations are not enough.

As an umbrella body, EADI embraces like-minded individuals and institutions. This does not mean we all think alike. Differences are part of the best of families. But as scholars and practitioners we must (self-)critically explore and question the conditions, forms, substance, and likely impact of the knowledge produced.

This requires looking beyond the confinements of the world views dominating and resembling the Anthropocene to create truly sustainable alternatives in an era of post-development leaving behind the growth obsession. Discourses under headings such as Wellbeing, Inclusive Development and Degrowth have emerged as necessary reflections how to possibly cope better with the challenges. Challenges, which have been reinforced and become dramatically more visible with the COVID-19 pandemic and its devastating exposure of the limitations to cope with assaults on the social and economic pillars on which most societies are built. Maybe the best we can see in COVID-19 is the display of the vulnerability of systems praised as the best global form of social organisation, which – as we could know before – benefits a minority of people at the expense of the livelihood and survival of most that exists on our earth. A “new normal” should be seen as an opportunity not to return to mistakes and mindsets of the past, but to re-think and design a world which offers dignity and survival to all forms of life on earth.”

A blog article containing parts of the speech can be accessed on the EADI Blog at <http://www.developmentresearch.eu/?p=735>.

Henning Melber is Director emeritus of the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation and a former Research Director of the Nordic Africa Institute. He remains affiliated to both institutions in Uppsala/Sweden in a

senior advisory role. He is Extraordinary Professor at the Department of Political Sciences at the University of Pretoria and the Centre for Africa Studies at the University of the Free State in Bloemfontein and a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for Commonwealth Studies/Centre for Advanced Study of the University of London.

EADI General Conference

In 2019, preparations for the 16th EADI General Conference in cooperation with the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) in The Hague had started. It was supposed to take place from 29 June to 2 July 2020 but had to be postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The conference will now take place fully online from 5-8 July 2021. The central theme of the EADI/ISS Conference is "Solidarity, Peace and Social Justice". Together, these three concepts represent our aspirations for approaches to global development that address inequality, poverty, and political marginalisation, also in connection with climate change and other environmental threats. Solidarity is essential for any process of social change. Based on mutually shared interests and human values, solidarity can be extremely powerful, yet can also be easily undermined in an era of fake news and (electronically) manipulated elections. Peace and social justice are similarly important values in (as well as aspired outcomes of) struggles or transformation processes in which solidarity is key.

The decision to shift the conference to the virtual space was not an easy one. After all, the event had already been postponed for a full year, as we were hoping for a physical conference in the Hague after being in a lockdown for an extended period. However, the increasing global uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic forced us to decide otherwise.

We would like to make the conference as inclusive as possible, so we have chosen the most reliable solution



Due to COVID-19, EADI decided to postpone the EADI/ISS General conference to 5-8 July 2021.

and the best chance for wide participation from scholars from the Global South.

Call for panels and papers

The calls for panels and papers, published in October 2019 and reopened end of 2020, generated 50 Seed and Harvest Panels, as well as 50 Roundtables and Workshops. 300 abstracts have been accepted for the Seed and Harvest panels, and the other session formats will generate a similar number of contributions. Registration is open.

<https://www.eadi.org/gc/2021/>

EADI Statements

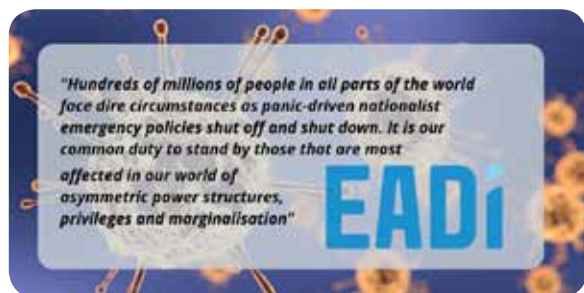
Statement on COVID-19, 31 March 2020

The COVID-19 crisis is the health, social, and economic crisis of our time. Fully in the throes of it, we are yet to understand – or even imagine – its fallout. The fact that the majority of countries around the world are in lockdown creates a space to reflect upon the effects of this crisis upon our communities, our societies and our interconnected world.

EADI is in solidarity particularly with the most vulnerable, those who do not have time to reflect as they continue their daily struggle. They have been denied the benefits of so-called development in our world of inequality and social injustices and now face barriers erected out of fear or ignorance or disrespect of life. We treasure, protect, and promote the concept of human dignity for all, in the face of rampant distress - whether related to hunger, health, unemployment, lack of educational provision, governance, absence of basic services or other support. Hundreds of millions of people in all parts of the world face dire circumstances as panic-driven nationalist emergency policies shut off and shut down. It is our common duty to stand by those that are most affected in our world of asymmetric power structures, privileges, and marginalisation.

At EADI, we commit to focusing on the international development challenges that affect the majority of the world. We will remain dedicated to the promotion of research and dissemination of evidence-based knowledge into international development issues, to ensure that they do not fade into the background in the current crisis. We engage to keep profiling inclusive development, sustainability, and transformational change as key to elaborating a profound, long-lasting response to the challenges we are confronted with. As a pan-European community, EADI has the experience to keep strong social links despite physical distances and we commit to an ongoing, open dialogue to exchange ideas and explore answers to our current predicament.

The world-wide crisis risks reinforcing North/ South asymmetries and inequalities in all areas and societies. It risks exacerbating underlying problems, and insular mentalities and deepening we-they divides. All this is the opposite of unity, of solidarity, of social justice and human dignity. We need to use the challenges as an opportunity to reconsider what “development” means and what the implications for “Development Studies” are. The only way to emerge from this global onslaught is through working together in search for alternatives to enable a sustainable reproduction of our world. COVID-19 has shown us that there are no islands or bunkers - we are only as strong as the weakest among us.



EADI Takes A Knee: Statement of Solidarity with #BlackLivesMatter on 23 June 2020

As the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes have repeatedly stated, development is not neutral. The time has now come for us to once again take a stand by taking a knee. We condemn all forms of racism and discrimination. Human dignity and equality mean that #BlackLivesMatter.

We understand and promote development as a social and inter-generational contract for the sustainable wellbeing of all life on earth. We are aware that the global asymmetries and inequalities within current power structures, in and between societies, are a far cry from such goals. As EADI we believe that there is strength in diversity and consider it our obligation to strengthen efforts towards the fulfilment of a fairer and more equal world.

The theme of our 2020 General Conference, now postponed to July 2021 due to COVID-19, is ‘Solidarity, Peace and Social Justice’. We do not simply pay lip service to ideas and practices of solidarity but see it as central to the notion of development. We are therefore determined to increase our efforts to provide a forum for voices and perspectives often ignored or marginalised, joining hands with all those fighting injustices in the world. - #BlackLivesMatter!

Working Group Activities

The EADI Working Groups are the constituent units of the association. Through their activities they showcase the diversity and expertise of EADI – they are smaller networks in action. Beyond EADI meetings and seminars, the Working Groups provide fora across Europe for reflection and discussion of development studies and training as well as platforms for launching and elaborating development research and publications.

The Sub-Committee on Working Groups, chaired by Elin Bjarnegard and Paola Minoia, and since 2020/21 by Laura Camfield and Paola Minoia, is commissioned by the Executive Committee to oversee that the academic quality of EADI Working Groups remains on a high level. Furthermore, practical and financial support is given to quality performance in the Working Groups. To this end, guidelines for Working Groups offer the necessary frame of reference and define the common vision and understanding.

For a list of Working Groups as of 2020/2021 and their convenors, please see page 22. Their activities are detailed below.

Europe and Transitions in (Southern) Africa

The Working Group hosted a panel on *“Inequalities, civil society and citizenship: Intersectionality and complexity”* at the Development Days of the Finnish Society for Development Research held in Helsinki from 26 to 28 February 2020. In preparation for its planned panel at the EADI/ISS General Conference, the group organised a virtual workshop entitled *“Rethinking civil society in promoting solidarity and social change in constrained settings”* on 29 June 2020. It has prepared an updated version of the panel entitled *“Civil society initiatives promoting solidarity in constrained settings”* to take place in the 2021 conference.

Climate-Resilient Development and Transformational Change

As a result of the review process for its accepted panel at the EADI/ISS General Conference *“Climate-resilient development and social justice: squaring the circle?”*, the Working Group organised several zoom sessions in May and June 2020 for the presentation and discussion of quality papers which could not be accepted due to limited time slots at the panel session itself.

Development Cooperation Policies and Performance

The Working Group prepared a panel for the postponed EADI/ISS conference on *“Protracted crisis and the humanitarian-development nexus”*

Europe and Transitions in (Southern) Africa

Unfortunately, a planned Working Group seminar with PhD students from the University of the Free State had to be cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as a planned panel at the Biannual conference of the Associazione Italiana di Studi Africani, which was cancelled altogether.

The European Union as a Development Actor

In the process of preparing for the EADI/ISS General Conference, the Working Group hosted two online panels: “EU Development Policy Post 2020: norms and contestation” on 16 June 2020, and “China, the EU, and Western aid norms. A case study on Ethiopia” on 22 June 2020. The Working Group played a major role in editing and sourcing articles for a special issue of the *Journal of Contemporary European Research* Vol. 16 (2): “EU International Development Cooperation post-2020”. In cooperation with the Working Group on Post- and Decolonial Perspectives on Development, it has published a blog series “How postdevelopment can transform EU (‘Development’) Studies”. In addition, the Working Group has prepared two panels for the postponed EADI/ISS General Conference: “Partnerships or development in EU external relations?”, and, together with the Working Group on Post- and Decolonial Perspectives on Development: “Views on the EU as a development actor in conversation with postdevelopment.”

Frugal Innovation and Development

The Working Group organised a networking event at the World Urban Forum 2020 entitled “How can we co-create safety in urban informal settlements in Africa?” and a panel on Partnerships & Frugal Innovation at the International Symposium on Cross-Sector Social Interactions (CSSI 2020). The Working Group has prepared three sessions for the EADI/ISS General Conference: A roundtable on “Policy perspectives on frugal innovation”, a panel session on “Critically examining frugal innovation” and a paper presentation.

Gender Justice

The Working Group has prepared the panel “Gender movements and social justice” for the EADI/ISS General Conference and contributed the post “Why gender matters to social movements” to the EADI blog.

Global Asia

Due to the postponement of the EADI/ISS General Conference, the Working Group organised two virtual dialogues based on the panel review process: “Gender and Development in Myanmar” on 17 June 2020, and “Land Conflict in Myanmar” on 22 June 2020. The Working Group also coordinated a special issue of the *EADI Journal European Journal of Development Research (EJDR)* on Development Challenges in Myanmar. Based on the articles of this special issue, the

Working Group organised the publication of a series of blog posts which were translated into Burmese with financial assistance by EADI.

Governance and Development

On 18 June 2020, the Working Group held a panel on “The Intersection of Participatory Methodologies and Knowledge Production” at the annual conference of the UK Development Studies Association (DSA). In connection with the Working Group’s planned panel for the EADI/ISS General Conference, co-convenor Liisa Laakso published a blog post in the EADI/ISS conference blog series on “Empowering African Universities to have an impact”. Both convenors Liisa Laakso and Gordon Crawford acted as mentors of EADI’s Journal Mentoring Programme (JUMP). The Working Group has prepared a panel on “Production and use of knowledge on governance and development: its role and contribution to struggles for peace, equality and social justice” for the EADI/ISS General Conference.

Inclusive Development

The Working Group contributed three virtual dialogues to the EADI virtual dialogue series: “How to reach the extreme poor through inclusive development policy in Sub-Saharan Africa?” on 16 April 2020 with Nicky Pouw & Marleen Dekker; “Towards a Wellbeing Economics. How and why we need to do economics differently?” on 28 October 2020 with Nicky Pouw, and “Inclusive Development” on 11 November 2020 with Joyeeta Gupta.

Multidimensional Poverty and Poverty Dynamics

Functioning as a joint Working Group of EADI and the UK Development Studies Association (DSA), the Working Group convened two panel sessions at the DSA 2020 conference: “Multidimensional Poverty: Recent Development in Measurements and Applications” on 18 June 2020, and “Poverty, vulnerability, social protection and support networks: what role does measurement play?” on 19 June 2020. Laura Camfield (co-convenor until September 2020) and co-convenor Keetie Roelen ran the EADI Journal Mentoring (JUMP) workshop for early career scholars in June 2020. The Working Group has prepared the panel “Multidimensional impacts of COVID-19 on poverty and wellbeing” for the EADI/ISS General Conference.

Post- and Decolonial Perspectives on Development

The Working Group has initiated the publication of two special issues in 2020: A special issue of *Acta Academica* “How do we know the world? Collective engagements with the (de)coloniality of development research and teaching” published on 28 August 2020, and a special issue of the *Journal of International Women’s Studies* “In Medias Res: Decolonial Interventions” published in October 2020. In addition, the Working Group has

organised two public online talks: “On the intersections of activism, theatre and scholarship” with Joschka Köck on 12 March 2020, and “Eco-Swaraj - Towards a Rainbow Revolution for Justice and Sustainability” with Ashish Kothari on 28 November 2020, as well as two blog series: “How postdevelopment can transform EU (‘Development’) Studies” in collaboration with the Working Group on The European Union as a Development Actor, and “Worlds Stories from the Margins”, displayed on the Working Group’s external Website “*convivialthinking.org*”. Throughout the year, the Working Group has published 41 blog contributions and four podcasts. Together with the Working Group on the European Union as Development Actor, it has prepared a panel for the postponed EADI/ISS General Conference on: “Views on the EU as a development actor in conversation with postdevelopment”.

Research Communication

The Working Group, together with EADI, organised the annual Research Communications Workshop (online) on 5 and 6 November 2020 for communications professionals at EADI member institutes. The Working Group has prepared a roundtable session “Is there a moral imperative for development researchers to act as advocates?” for the EADI/ISS General Conference.

Social Protection

The working group published four Social Protection Brief newsletters in 2020 which aim at informing members and non-members on publications, events and projects involving other members.

EADI Programmes

Bridge 47 – Building Global Citizenship

EADI is proud to be partner of the Bridge 47 – Building Global Citizenship project which is co-created and implemented by 15 European and global civil society organisations. It seeks to mobilise and empower global civil society to contribute to a transformation towards global justice and eradication of poverty through Global Citizenship Education (GCE). EADI takes the leading role in the work on Knowledge Exchange Partnerships which serve to ensure a free flow of ideas and best practices for Global Citizenship Education between research institutions and civil society organisations. In 2020, the three regional Knowledge Exchange Partnerships (Iberian, South Eastern Europe, and Northern) continued their activities in close coordination with partners, Fundación Etea (Spain), Comenius University at Bratislava (Slovakia), and Liverpool World Centre (United Kingdom). Until the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in Europe, face-to-face events were held. The online shift for the rest of the activities was successful.

In addition, a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) in English language was developed in coordination with

Centro per la Cooperazione Internazionale – International Cooperation Centre (CCI-ICC) (Italy). The MOOC covers the basic concepts, approaches, and possible applications of Global Citizenship Education. The course is free and open to learners from all over with an interest in GCE. The nine modules are convened by academics and practitioners and supplemented by the experiences of the participants of the Knowledge Exchange Partnerships of Bridge 47. Six modules form the course “Introduction to Global Citizenship Education”, each featuring a video lecture, recommended reading material, and a self-evaluation. Three additional informative modules present the theme of how to develop appropriate, inclusive models for dissemination, teaching, and research of GCE in global society through the experience of the Bridge 47 Knowledge Exchange Partnerships.

For more information:

<https://www.eadi.org/bridge-47-building-global-citizenship/>



Bridge 47 MOOC: Introduction to Global Citizenship Education

In 2020 the following activities were implemented by EADI:

1. Kick-off Meeting Northern Europe Knowledge Exchange Partnership, Stirling, 13-14 January 2020. In cooperation with MUNDU Denmark, University of Stirling, Scotland (UK), IDEAS Scotland (UK).
2. Bridge 47 Webinar on the Sinérgias ED Network, as part of the Iberian Knowledge Exchange Partnership, Online, February 11, 2020.
3. Third Meeting Iberian Knowledge Exchange Partnership, (originally to be held in Lisbon, moved online due to the COVID-19 pandemic), 14 May 2020. In cooperation with Sinérgias ED collective (Portugal), Fundación Etea (Spain).
4. Third Meeting South Eastern Europe Knowledge Exchange Partnership, (originally to be held in Ljubljana, moved online due to the COVID-19 pandemic), 18 June 2020. In cooperation with Comenius University at Bratislava (Slovakia), Ambrela Slovakia.

5. Second Meeting Northern Europe Knowledge Exchange Partnership, (originally to be held in Copenhagen, moved online due to the COVID-19 pandemic), 17 – 19 June 2020. In cooperation with MUNDU Denmark, University of Stirling, Scotland (UK).
6. Special Joint Number on Global Citizenship Education by the Sinérgias ED Journal and the Revista de Fomento Social of Universidad Loyola Andalucía. Available on open access.
7. Preparation of the MOOC Introduction to Global Citizenship Education in cooperation with Centro per la Cooperazione Internazionale CCI (Italy) to be launched in April 2021.
8. Preparation of the final expert seminar for the three regional Knowledge Exchange Partnerships taking place in January 2021.
9. Preparation of the Knowledge Exchange Partnerships publication available in Spring 2021.

EnerSHelF - Energy self-sufficiency for health care facilities in Ghana

The EnerSHelF project is a German-Ghanaian interdisciplinary project of political economists, engineers, and partners from the private renewable energies sector. The project is funded by the German Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF) under the “CLIENT II - International Partnerships for Sustainable Innovation” scheme. EnerSHelF deals with the sustainable and reliable energy supply for healthcare facilities in Ghana, and EADI is involved in the project as transfer and dissemination partner. The healthcare sector in Ghana is particularly burdened by high energy costs and recurring power outages resulting from the lack of electricity supply. EnerSHelF aims to show that photovoltaic (PV) power can not only contribute to strengthening the Ghanaian national energy system, but do so in a sustainable, cost-effective way.

The project brings together experts from nine organisations in industry, the technical disciplines, and social sciences to improve and disseminate marketable PV based energy solutions for health facilities in Ghana. Having begun in June of 2019, the project will continue for a three-year period at three pilot sites with different regional characteristics. What distinguishes the approach of EnerSHelF is its interdisciplinary and context specific design. Collaboration between technical disciplines (engineering and natural sciences) and social sciences (development economics) allows the project to gain an integrative understanding of the interplay between the institutional and technological transition in the health-energy nexus. The creation of a framework for stakeholder engagement, transfer, and dissemination in which the technologies and their adoption are tailored to local factors will enable a context-specific use of PV energy solutions and so help in energising Africa’s future.

As an important catalyst for sustainable development, access to a reliable source of clean energy is vital for inclusive economic development, improved human health, wellbeing, and security.

The close cooperation between Ghanaian and German stakeholders forms the cornerstone of ensuring the implementation of results. This proved particularly valuable during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. The travel restrictions had hampered researchers outside Ghana to enter the country. However, due to our Ghanaian partners, the negative effects on the projects were sufficiently counterbalanced.

At the beginning of 2020, EADI launched the project’s website <https://enershelf.de/>. It serves as the main communication tool and offers an insight into the progress of the project. As the communication and dissemination partner, EADI contributed by constantly updating the EnerSHelF website. EADI conducted 18 individual interviews with the researchers and published seven articles on the status of the project. Besides written interviews, two video interviews can be found on the website. Additionally, the EnerSHelF Twitter account proved to be a valid tool to disseminate news, and also to connect with other organisations and people in the field of renewable energy. To directly reach out to the stakeholders of EnerSHelF, EADI sends out circular letters presenting the status of the project. Besides appearing on EADI’s own communication platforms, EnerSHelF news were regularly posted on the Client II website and newsletter. Furthermore, one of EADI’s articles got featured on the BMBF’s platform FONA – Research for Sustainability.



EnerSHelF Website <https://enershelf.de/>

Bonn Sustainability Portal

In cooperation with the German Association for International Cooperation (GIZ), the World Conference Centre Bonn, The University of Applied Sciences Bonn-Rhein-Sieg, Engagement Global, The German Institute for Development and Evaluation (Deval) and the University of Bonn, EADI maintains a network and information portal on sustainability in Bonn. The portal was successfully relaunched in January 2017 and is well established within the regional organisational landscape targeting sustainable development. For more information, please see: <https://www.bonnsustainabilityportal.de>.

In 2020, Bonn Sustainability Portal's activities focused on the online space. To improve user experience, the overall layout of the website was updated. To better display video material and short clips produced by the partner institutions, a separate category for videos was created on the website. Another category, called "Be Part of the Solution", was introduced to share calls and other contributions that encourage readers to get involved and take action. In addition, a thematic website-dossier on digitalisation outlined how stakeholders in Bonn are working on a sustainable approach to digital progress that combines economy, ecology, and social issues. In the three interview series "Bonn Young Voices", "Bonn Initiatives" and "Bonn Voices for Sustainability", several interviews with researchers and initiatives were conducted, highlighting topics such as sustainability in the Arab world, sustainable consumption, or agricultural transformations in Africa.

The portal's social media channels were relaunched with new media templates giving the channels a uniform appearance with a high recognition value. The newsletter design was revised, and new subscribers were acquired with a targeted mailing campaign. To further strengthen the visibility of the Bonn Sustainability Portal, it was also featured in the International Newsletter of the City of Bonn.



Updated Newsletter-Design of the Bonn Sustainability Portal Newsletter

Meetings of the editorial team were moved to the digital space and were complemented by individual lectures of external speakers who advised the team on communication topics and provided further insights on specific sustainable development issues.

EADI Workshops for Professionals

In 2020, EADI offered two workshops for professionals in member organisations such as research communicators or coordinators of Development Studies Programmes.

Development Research Communications Workshop, 5-6 November, Online

After two successful on-site events in the previous years, the 2020 workshop and exchange for communications professionals, organized by the EADI Secretariat and

the EADI Working Group on Research Communication, was held online. It was no surprise that, in the year of COVID-19, the topic of organising, communicating and moderating interesting and interactive online events played a central role, inspired by a presentation on tips, tricks and tools for running successful online events at the opening of the workshop. The other overarching topic was that of decolonising development communication, which remains a challenge and learning field for development communication professionals. As in previous workshops, a trusted space for discussing day-to-day challenges and asking peers for advice was offered. Participants' feedback was positive, and the commitment for more frequent and shorter meetings renewed.

Workshop for Coordinators of Development Studies Programmes, 19-20 November 2020, Online

The workshop, organised by the EADI Secretariat, brought together around 20 participants, as well as five guest speakers from Germany, Switzerland, the UK, Portugal, and the Netherlands. With a focus on *Building Development Studies Programmes for the Future*, the workshop concentrated on curriculum setting, online programmes and teaching challenges in times of Covid-19 among other topics. It allowed for peer-to-peer exchange and provided a space to discuss both successes and difficulties faced by academic coordinators in a fast-changing academic environment. Time was made for discussion after each presentation, and World-Cafés were organised on the second day, in which all participants exchanged tips and ideas on several topics. There was also a discussion of the IAC/EADI accreditation framework, as well as an introduction to EADI Book Series "Building Development Studies for the New Millennium".

The feedback received from participants was extremely positive. Two participants took individual memberships to EADI following the event, and one invited EADI to present its activities during a conference scheduled for April 2021. Expressions of interest for the 2021 edition have already been received. A blog article was also produced summarising the workshop.

EADI Virtual Dialogue Series

In 2020, a total of 22 virtual dialogues (online seminars) were organised by EADI, including six in collaboration with ISS following the postponing of the general conference. In Autumn 2020, a series of five virtual dialogues focusing on Covid-19 were organised with a variety of speakers and topics. The table below summarises all the virtual dialogues organised in 2020:

- *This land is your land, this land is my land?*, 31 January, with Sylvia Kay (Transnational Institute, Netherlands) and Attila Szocs (Eco Ruralis, Romania)
- *Rights and Accountability in 'Making' and 'Shaping'*



The EADI Virtual Dialogues give participants the opportunity to engage with critical thinkers and innovative new research findings.

- Social Protection*, 28 February, with Rachel Sabates-Wheeler (IDS and Centre for Social Protection, UK)
- *How to reach the (extreme) poor through inclusive development policies in sub Saharan Africa?*, 06 April, with Nicky Pouw (Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research at the University of Amsterdam) and Marleen Dekker (Leiden University, Netherlands)
 - *Generational Transfer of Disadvantages and Extreme Poverty*, 29 April, with Owasim Akram (Örebro University, Sweden)
 - *Adaptando los ODS a lo Local mediante la Educación para el Desarrollo. La experiencia de la Estrategia de la Ciudad de Valencia*, 04 May, with Alejandra Boni (Universidad Politécnica de Valencia, Spain)
 - *Digital Work in the Global South: A Chance for Transformative Development?* 10 June, with Jana Kleibert (Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space, Germany)
 - *EU Development Policy Post 2020: norms and contestation*, 16 June, with Johanne Døhlle Saltnes (Centre for European Studies, Belgium) and Sebastian Steingass (College of Europe, Poland)
 - *Gender and development in Myanmar*, 17 June, with Mala Htun (University of New Mexico, USA) and Elisabeth Olivius (Umea University, Sweden)
 - *China, the EU, and Western aid norms. A case study on Ethiopia*, 22 June, with Mario Esteban (Real Instituto Elcano, Spain) and Iliana Olivie (Real Instituto Elcano, Spain)
 - *Land conflict in Myanmar*, 22 June, with Lara Lundsgaard-Hansen (Centre for Development and Environment, Switzerland) and Stefan Bächtold (Swiss peace)
 - *Rethinking civil society in promoting solidarity and social change in constrained settings*, 29 June, with Kees Biekart (Institute of Social Studies (ISS), the Netherlands), Tiina Kontinen (University of Jyväskylä, Finland) and Marianne Millstein (Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway)
 - *Transforming Narratives in support of Solidarity, Peace and Social Justice*, 16 July, with Oxfam
 - *The Rise and Fall of the Aid Effectiveness Norm*, 22 July, with Stephen Brown (University of Ottawa, Canada)
 - *Solidarity Today - Building resilience through a practice of self-care*, 31 July, with Tanja Verena Matheis (Kassel Univeristy) and Vikram Badhwar (Syngriety)
 - *Bias aware practices: moving beyond unconscious bias training*, 07 August, with Donna Hurford (University of Southern Denmark)
 - *COVID19 series: Food chain resilience in India during the covid-19 pandemic*, 03 September, with Sudha Narayanan (IGIDR, India)
 - *COVID19 series: Kerala's response to the Covid-19 pandemic: key takeaways*, 28 September, with S.M. Vijayanand (Former Chief Secretary to the Government of Kerala)
 - *COVID19 series: Lockdown challenges for land reform beneficiaries: South Africa*, 15 October, with Nkanyiso Gumede (PLAAS, University of the Western Cape, South Africa)
 - *COVID series: Domestic Workers' Activism during the Pandemic Crisis in Latin America*, 22 October, with Louisa Acciari (Centre for Gender and Disaster, UCL, UK)
 - *Towards a Wellbeing Economics. How and why we need to do economics differently*, 28 October, with Nicky Pouw (Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research at the University of Amsterdam)
 - *COVID19 series: Communities' Responses in Peru*, 03 November, with Liliana Miranda (Foro ciudades para la vida, Peru, and University of Amsterdam, Netherlands)
 - *Inclusive Development*, 11 November, with Joyeeta Gupta (Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research at the University of Amsterdam)
- To catch up on all previous EADI talks and to save-the-date for the upcoming ones please visit our website: <https://www.eadi.org/eadi-virtual-dialogue-series/>
- Our activities are announced at https://www.eadi.org/news-archive/category_eadi-major-news/
- Follow our You Tube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/eadivideos>

EADI Accreditation Initiative



The International Accreditation Council for Global Development Studies and Research (IAC/EADI), as the professional European organisation of institutes and professionals in the field of development, wishes to influence proactively the process of accreditation and quality assurance as far as Global Development Studies are concerned. To this end, it has developed a state-of-the-art quality assurance (QA) and accreditation system that takes the specific nature of global development studies into account. The International Accreditation Council for Global Development Studies and Research (IAC/EADI) is the independent council of EADI in charge of the system. Since 2011, 16 programmes were accredited.

IAC/EADI works in close collaboration with the EADI Secretariat in Bonn. The main purpose of IAC/EADI is to promote the quality of Global Development training programmes both in the North and the South. IAC/EADI accreditation either stands by itself as voluntary evaluation and accreditation system or it can be complementary to the national systems, which are in place in Europe and beyond. Accreditation by IAC/EADI may in certain cases be formally recognised by national accreditation authorities. The QA standards and criteria used by IAC/EADI are state of the art and in line with the European Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area as issued by the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA). In early 2013, IAC/EADI became a member of the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE).

The IAC/EADI Council was chaired by Leo de Haan, (em. Rector International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague) until January 2021. Further members are Laura Camfield (University of East Anglia), Tom de Herdt (IOB, Antwerp), Nazneen Kanji (Independent Researcher, Trustee of INTRAC), Sergio Tezanos Vasquez (Universidad de Cantabria) and Susanne von Itter (EADI). IAC Secretary is Joost Mönks.

In 2020, the “Master in Global Development Studies” at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences in As was accredited successfully. IAC also offers cluster accreditations in cooperation with NVAO (Netherlands) and Aqas (Germany). In 2021, the MA „Sustainable Development Management“ of University of Applied Sciences Rhein-Waal will be accredited. In addition, the IAC itself underwent an external evaluation in the second half of 2020.

For more information, please go to: www.eadi.org/accreditation.

Other Activities

Study: Roles, processes, and risks within the research – practice nexus: Perspectives from academia

This explorative study was commissioned by EADI and conducted between October 2019 and July 2020. It aimed to assess facets of cooperation between development research and practice from the perspective of academia. This included identifying main groups of non-academic actors involved, analysing motivations as well as enabling or disabling factors, and exploring ethical challenges of research-practice collaboration in development research. The study was conducted in the context of the rising attention paid to cooperation between research and practice in the context of sustainable development. Results show that researchers in most cases have additional roles in joint projects, such as project leadership and coordination, and generally feel a strong responsibility for ensuring project success and impact. Practitioners get involved in the research process most often at the beginning (problem definition) and end (dissemination), and slightly less often during data collection. Involvement is lowest during theoretical reasoning and hypothesis formulation, as well as development of research design and data analysis. Patterns in collaboration of different types of practitioners could be identified, with CSO/ non-profit organizations being more often involved as

Roles, processes and risks within the research - practice nexus: Perspectives from academia



by Sonja Keller and Katja Bender
(Hochschule Bonn - Rhein Sieg,
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https://www.eadi.org/typo3/fileadmin/Documents/Publications/EADI_Policy_Paper/Research_-_Practice_Nexus_2020.pdf

partners, and utilising results more often than other types of practitioners. Factors potentially undermining project success appear to be a lack of understanding of scientific methods and processes on the side of practitioners, and lack of partner motivation as well as organizational differences. Furthermore, collaborative projects are perceived to be more resource-intensive regarding time, management effort and communication. Funding appears to be a critical issue shaping collaboration, with up to over half of survey respondents viewing different aspects of funding conditions as inappropriate. Furthermore, funding conditions and associated challenges vary greatly nationally. Qualitative data shows how funding and governance of collaboration impact on all dimensions of collaborative research: its credibility, legitimacy, and salience.

While the public discourse tends to champion research-practice collaborations as a way to address complex challenges of our time, views on how collaboration impacts research quality in its given dimensions credibility, legitimacy and salience vary greatly between researchers. The study will be published in early 2021.

JUMP – Journal Mentoring Programme

Academic publishing is critical to the enhancement of research capacity in the Global South. Furthermore, the greater participation of Southern researchers in journals such as the European Journal of Development Research EJDR serves to re-balance the predominantly Northern academic development ‘voice’. For this reason, the EJDR mentorship programme JUMP was successfully launched in 2017. It aims to increase the number of original academic articles authored by Southern development researchers that are published in the EJDR, with a particular focus on women and authors from sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America. The JUMP Mentoring Programme offers (early career) Southern researchers the opportunity to work closely with an experienced scholar from their field of interest with the aim of preparing a paper that is (subject to the regular peer-review process) accepted for publication in the EJDR. 2020 saw a new edition of the programme, this time fully online. 18 early career researchers worked on their paper with an experienced senior mentor. One of the papers is already published by EJDR: *Irrigated Agriculture and Welfare: Panel Data Evidence from Southern Ghana* by Charles Yaw Okyere and Ama Asantewah Ahene-Codjoe.

<https://doi.org/10.1057/s41287-021-00384-2>

Publications and Information Systems

EADI has several communication channels: The European Journal of Development Research (EJDR) is published five times a year; the fortnightly EADI e-newsletter contains news from EADI members and partners and highlights research from EADI members, the EADI website offers a wealth of information on development issues; EADI

social media channels serve to disseminate news about research and events, and, finally, the EADI Book Series presents research undertaken in the Working Groups and the association.



Call for Book Proposals

Development Studies is a multi- and interdisciplinary field of study, reflecting the multi-disciplinary character of EADI membership. The book series aims to better understand the interplay between social, economic, political, technological, ecological, cultural and gendered aspects of societal change at the local, national, regional and global levels. It focusses on the link between theory, policy and practice.

New formats within the series are also being considered. The first format “**From past to present - and vice versa**” reminds us that development processes are not ahistorical, gathering papers that draw on historical and contemporary events focussed on a particular region or topic. The second format “**From theory to practice - and vice versa**” provides a forum for dialogue between academics, policymakers and practitioners. The third “**Development roundtable**” format serves as a forum where major contributors engage in debate about a specific topic. Original and thought-provoking perspectives based on evidence are encouraged. The series editors invite manuscripts across all disciplines which address these questions.

Proposals or inquiries at bookproposals@eadi.org

European Journal of Development Research (EJDR)

The EJDR is a multi-disciplinary journal that seeks to broaden understanding of the processes that advance or impede human development. Articles published take a variety of viewpoints including political, economic, sociological, and anthropological perspectives. It examines challenges that face developing countries, and the developed world. The Impact Factor increased to 1.931 in 2019, from 1.440 in 2018. The Five-Year Impact Factor for the journal has also increased, rising from 1.522 in 2018 to 1.931 in 2019. Production and

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The European Journal of Development Research (EJDR) redefines and modernises what international development is, recognising the many schools of thought on what human development constitutes. It encourages debate between competing approaches to understanding global development and international social development. The journal is multidisciplinary and welcomes papers that are rooted in any mixture of fields including (but not limited to): development studies, international studies, social policy, sociology, politics, economics, anthropology, education, sustainability, business and management. EJDR explicitly links with development studies, being hosted by European Association of Development Institutes (EADI) and its various initiatives.

The European Journal of Development Research embraces a critical use of quantitative, qualitative and mixed methods. The research methods used in the journal's articles make explicit the importance of empirical data and the critical interpretation of findings. Authors can use a mixture of theory and data analysis to expand the possibilities for global development. Data use in the journal ranges broadly from narratives and transcripts, through ethnographic and mixed data, to quantitative and survey data.

The European Journal of Development Research encourages papers which embody the highest quality standards, and which use an innovative approach. We urge authors who contemplate submitting their work to the EJDR to respond to research already published in this journal, as well as complementary journals and books. We take special efforts to include global voices, and notably voices from the global South. Queries about potential submissions to EJDR can be directed to the Editors.

EJDR Special Issues 2020

Development Challenges in Myanmar: Political Development and Politics of Development Intertwined

Volume 32, Issue 2, April 2020
Guest Editor: Elin Bjarnegård

Myanmar faces enormous development challenges in the midst of a rapidly changing and uncertain landscape both in terms of politics and international aid. This article probes into the intertwined nature of political development and the politics of development. It critically analyzes the mismatch between the long-term societal change processes that Myanmar faces, on the one hand, and the instability of domestic politics and international development, on the other.

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1057/s41287-020-00263-2>

The Development Impacts of COVID-19 at Home and Abroad: Politics and Implications of Government Action

Volume 32, Issue 5, December 2020
Guest Editors: Spencer Henson, Uma Kambhampati, Tewodaj Mogues, Wendy Olsen, Martin Prowse, Raul Ramos, John Rand, Rasjah Rasiah, Keetie Roelen, Rebecca Tiessen & O. Fiona Yap

What is COVID-19's impact on development? What lessons can be drawn from development studies regarding the effects of and recovery from COVID-19? The team of Editors underline the importance of systematic substantive study to further knowledge acquisition, and rigorous global-, national-, or context-specific evaluation to inform evidence-based policymaking. In particular, despite early considerations in the first year of the pandemic, they illuminate the need for diverse responses beyond business-as-usual, attention to the multiplicity of impact of policies formulated, and progressive strategies to counteract the impacts of this disaster around the world.

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1057/s41287-020-00334-4>



peer review durations are impressively short – accepted papers are typically published online just five or six weeks after acceptance. The journal benefits an international readership of academics and practitioners and it is the official journal of EADI. All institutional and individual EADI members benefit from a printed copy of the journal, premium members receive additional online access.

The European Journal of Development Research (EJDR) recognises the need to provide a forum for the publication of original and high-quality research by individuals that are early in their research career. For that reason, EJDR's Early Career Researcher's initiative has been designed to assist with the understanding of this process. It is a 'supported learning' submissions route for early careers authors, to help fulfil their potential. The EJDR also offers an impact evaluation initiative.

Editorial team

The 2020 editorial team comprises:

- Spencer Henson (Editor in Chief), Institute of Development Studies, and University of Guelph, Canada;
- Fiona Yap, The Australian National University, Australia
- John Rand, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- Keetie Roelen, Social Protection at the Institute of Development Studies, Brighton, UK
- Martin Prowse, University of Manchester, UK
- Rajah Rasiah, Asia-Europe Institute, University of Malaya, Malaysia
- Raul Ramos, University of Barcelona, Spain
- Rebecca Tiessen, University of Ottawa, Canada
- Tewodaj Mogues, International Monetary Fund, USA
- Uma S. Kambhampati, University of Reading, UK
- Wendy Olsen, University of Manchester, UK
- Natalia Lorenzoni is the managing editor.

EADI Global Development Series

Since 2012, EADI has partnered with Palgrave Macmillan to initiate a new book series focused on publishing important contributions to the literature on both theoretical and practical development research. The editors of the series are Isa Baud (Prof em. University of Amsterdam), Maja Bucar (Vice-Dean for Doctoral Studies and International Relations, University of Ljubljana) and Andrew Mold (Senior Economist at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Kigali, Rwanda). From 2020, Pedro Goulart (CAPP, Lisbon) joined the editorial team. The latest addition to the series were:

Building Development Studies for the New Millennium
 Editors: Isa Baud, Elisabetta Basile, Tiina Kontinen, Susanne von Itter

International Development Assistance Policy Drivers and Performance, Author: Olav Stokke

EADI Blog: Debating Development Research

As in the previous year, the EADI blog "Debating Development Research" has been very active in 2020, with 33 published articles throughout the year. It was able to double the reading rate in comparison to 2019.

Why gender matters to social movements
 02 January, by Stacey Scriver and G. Honor Fagan

Two faces of the automation revolution: impacts on working conditions of migrant labourers in the Dutch agri-food sector
 17 January, by Tyler Williams, Oane Visser, Karin Astrid Siegmann and Petar Ivosevic

Empowering African Universities to have an impact
 22 January, by Liisa Laakso

Bridging EU- & Postdevelopment Studies: Four Avenues
 30 January, by Sarah Delputte and Jan Orbie

Rethinking Empowerment and Accountability in 'Difficult Settings'
 18 February, by John Gaventa

Re-Politizing the European Aid Debate
 03 March, by Iliana Olivíe and Aitor Pérez

Resource Grabbing in a Changing Environment
 10 March, by Adwoa Yeboah Gyapong, Amod Shah, Corinne Lamain, Elyse Mills, Natacha Bruna, Sergio Coronado and Yukari Sekine

The Battle is on: Civic Space & Land Rights
 06 April, by Barbara Oosters and Saskia van Veen

Displaced women and girls in Latin America threatened by COVID-19
 22 April, by Natalia Cintra, Jean Grugel and Pia Riggirozzi

How do we live with corona?
 28 April, by Ghassan Baliki, Tilman Brück, Neil Ferguson, Patricia Justino and Wolfgang Stojetz



Researchers must improve the working conditions for local collaborators, blog post, 04 June 2020

The Coronavirus pandemic and the irrelevance of the SDGs

06 May, by Remco van de Pas

EADI Blog Prize for outstanding posts on PhD research

08 May, by EADI

COVID-19 and Development Co-operation: we know a lot about what works, let's use the evidence

12 May, by Per Øyvind Bastøe, Wendy Asbeek Brusse and Jörg Faust

Digitalizing agriculture in Africa: promises and risks of an emerging trend

15 May, by Fabio Gatti and Oane Visser

From Science to Practice: Strengthening Research Uptake to Achieve the SDGs

20 May, by Maggie Carter

Researchers must improve the working conditions for local collaborators

04 June, by Ananya Chakraborty and Lennart Kaplan

How can COVID-19 be the catalyst to decolonise development research?

16 June, by Melanie Pinet and Carmen Leon-Himmelstine

Inheriting Extreme Poverty

03 July, by Owasim Akram

Overcoming Developmentalism

07 July, by Henning Melber

Disaster response: why democracy matters

14 July, by Isabelle Desportes

Learning from the grassroots: "Together we are much more than two"

28 July, by Talia Vela-Eiden

It is time to abandon "development" goals and demand a post-2030 Utopia

11 August, by Julia Schöneberg and Mia Kristin Häckl



Disaster response: why democracy matters, blog post, 14 July 2020.

Insects on the Plates!

25 August, by Sarah Nischalke and Sebastian Forneck

It's about Europe's future, stupid!

01 September, by Michael Obrovsky

Economics (really) needs to change: Introducing 'Wellbeing Economics'

08 September, by Nicky Pouw

Surging or Subsiding? How Mining Sector Booms Impact Female Empowerment

15 September, by Audrey Au Yong Lyn

Towards a Non-Extractive and Care-Driven Academia

22 September, by Vijay Kolinjivadi, Gert Van Hecken, Jennifer Casolo, Shazma Abdulla and Rut Elliot Blomqvist

Trade Reproduces International Inequalities

06 October, by Christian Dorninger, Anke Schaffartzik, and Hanspeter Wieland

The 2030 turn in German Development Policy – An Opportunity to Fundamentally Challenge Global Inequalities?

27 October, by Tanja Verena Matheis and Adrian Schlegel

How Moving (Academic) Conferences Online Could Help Address Social Injustices

10 November, by Dennis Penu

How Can Development Cooperation Be More Sensitive To Power Relations?

24 November, by Tim Kornprobst and Anna Schwachula

Hidden Hands of the City: How the Pandemic Unveiled the Systematic Neglect of Indian Migrant Workers

01 December, by Nitya Rao, Ayesha Pattnaik, Arundhita Bhanjdeo and Nivedita Narain

Behind the Scenes: The Strong Voice of Pacific Women in Climate Negotiations

16 December, by George Carter and Elise Howard



It is time to abandon "development" goals and demand a post-2030 Utopia, blog post 11 August 2020.

Website

Regularly updated and maintained by the Secretariat team, the website features the latest EADI news and links to all member institutions and Working Groups. The Association's web presence has proved to be an important information channel for both members and the general public. Each premium member is featured through an extended page with dedicated news. The EADI website is an established online research communication channel which presents the collective knowledge and expertise of EADI's member institutes. The EADI information services have been streamlined and enhanced to complement each other. EADI news and activities are also featured on Facebook, Twitter and Youtube.

EADI Newsletter

The EADI Newsletter is an efficient and frequently visited information service helping EADI members as well as the general public to stay informed about the development research community. It features news from EADI, members and partners, from EADI Working Groups, news on training courses, calls for papers, job offers and conferences. Several Working Groups also issue regular newsletters with specific information on their area of research to their members.



Twitter announcement about an EADI Newsletter, 11 December 2020

Membership and Networking

EADI had the privilege of admitting a number of new members (see page 19) to the Association. While we welcome them to EADI, the Executive Committee and the Secretariat consider the membership drive as a continuous task in order to increase the number of member institutes, associates and individuals. Currently, 18 institutes (see page 19) are Premium Members of EADI and enjoy enhanced visibility on EADI's website and newsfeeds.

Other Contacts

EADI values its membership of the Society for International Development, SID International (Rome, Italy) and SID Europe (The Hague, The Netherlands), the International Science Council (ISC, Paris, France) and the Global Development Network (GDN, New Delhi, India) as an adequate way of fostering professional partnerships and joint ventures. Furthermore, EADI is member of

ACUNS, the Academic Council on the United Nations System and the Steering Group of PEGNet, the Poverty Reduction, Equity, and Growth Network.

EADI is founding member of EASSH, the European Alliance of Social Sciences and the Humanities, founded early 2015 in Paris.

In 2017, EADI joined the International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development (PaRD). It brings together governmental and intergovernmental entities with civil society organisations such as religious and value-driven organisations to harness the positive impact of religion and values in sustainable development and humanitarian assistance.

Networks-to-Network Initiative

In collaboration with the Finnish University Partnership for International Development (UniPID), EADI successfully started forming a "network of networks" to support the exchange and cooperation between Nordic and European academic networks and associations relevant to development issues and global challenges, and/or aiming to support research and higher education cooperation with so called third countries. The initiative was successfully kicked off with a meeting on 22 August 2017 during the EADI NORDIC Conference in Bergen. The meeting gathered all interested network representatives present at the conference around the same table to get to know each other and map common interests for cooperation.

"The Networks-to-Network initiative is the ideal platform for meeting other professionals and organizations from the field and learning from their experience, for being connected, identifying partners for joint projects and expanding the network and opportunities for our members."

Representative of one of the networks attending the meeting

European Multi-Stakeholder Steering Group on Development Education

The EADI Secretariat has been a member of the European Multi-Stakeholder Steering Group on Development Education since November 2008. The group was founded on 9 October 2007 to work on a European strategy framework for development education. The group coordinated the European Development Education Consensus, which highlights the role of development education and awareness raising as a contribution to the implementation of the European Consensus on Development and advises the European commission with regard to calls in the DEAR (Development Education and Awareness Raising) area.

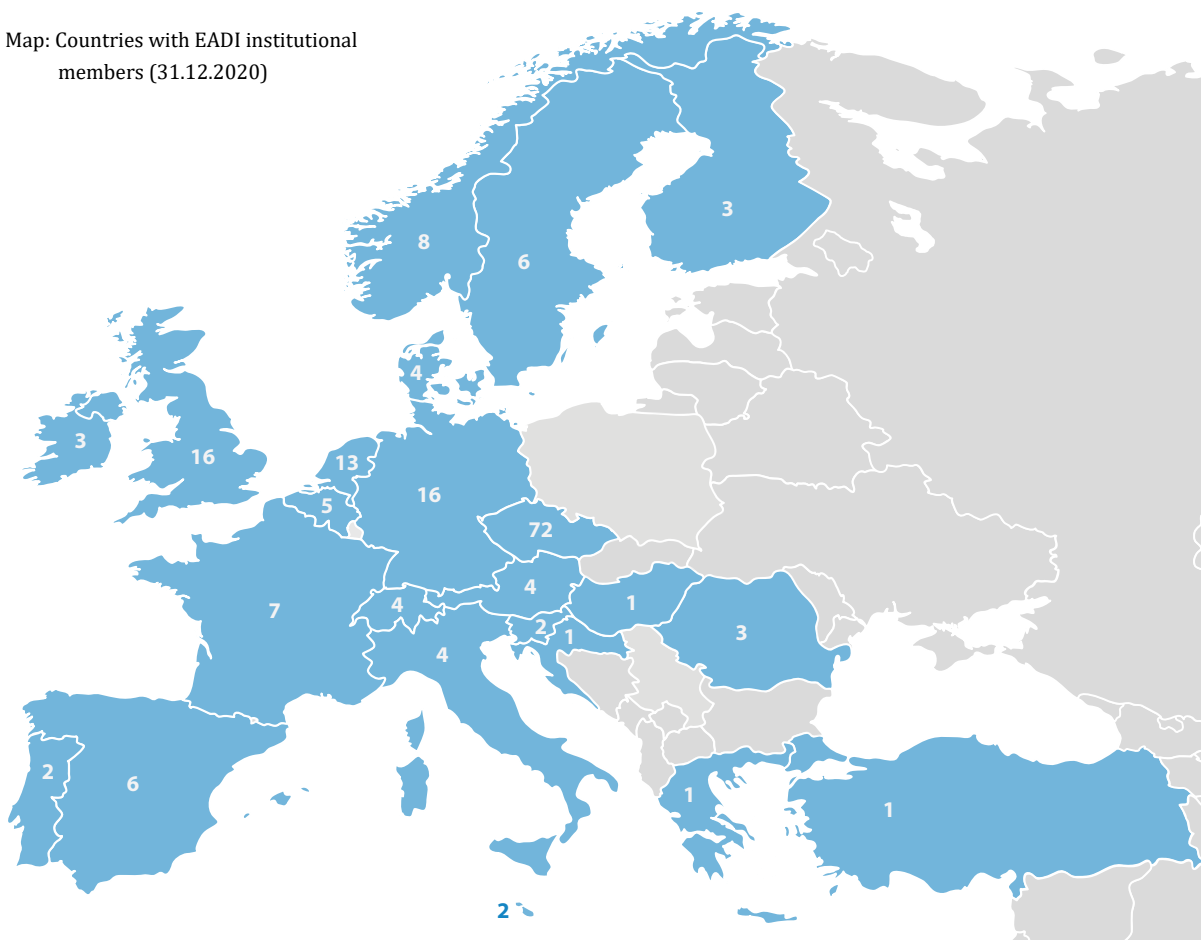
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Membership (31.12.2020)

	Institutional	Individual	Student
Austria	4	1	1
Belgium	5	2	4
Bulgaria	-	1	-
Croatia	1	-	-
Czech Republik	2	-	1
Denmark	4	-	-
Finland	3	-	-
France	7	2	4
Germany	16	17	17
Greece	1	-	-
Hungary	1	-	-
Ireland	3	2	3
Italy	4	1	6
Malta	2	-	1
Netherlands	13	6	6

	Institutional	Individual	Student
Norway	8	2	1
Poland	-	1	-
Portugal	2	0	3
Romania	3	-	-
Slovenia	2	-	-
Spain	6	2	2
Sweden	6	0	2
Switzerland	4	4	7
Turkey	1	0	-
United Kingdom	16	8	18
Non-European	-	-	3
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Total 12/2019	122	48	118
Total 12/2020	114	49	82

Map: Countries with EADI institutional members (31.12.2020)



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- OEFSE – Austrian Foundation for Development Research

Income Statement for the Fiscal Year from 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020 (EUROS)

	2020		2019	
1. Income				
a. Members' contributions	90,926.38		100,860.00	
b. Basic grants	200,000.00		195,000.00	
c. Publications EJDR	54,823.08		88,103.34	
d. Other publications	132.72		1,009.67	
e. Other	0.38	345,882.56	35.17	385,008.18
2. Income projects		163,990.28		154,623.99
Total income		509,872.84		539,632.17
3. Expenses core business				
a. Personnel expenses (core staff)	-222,046.18		-214,763.00	
b. Rent and ancillary expenses	-10,508.79		-10,585.05	
c. Travel expenses	-1,020.70		-13,652.38	
d. Depreciation of fixed assets	-724.00		-2,004.00	
e. Office expenses / stationary	-5,904.61		-3,379.88	
f. Communication costs	-11,398.39		-12,791.28	
g. Insurances	-1,902.86		-1,902.86	
h. Bank charges	-550.58		-644.65	
i. Contributions	-1,908.84		-2,059.89	
j. Accounting	-3,215.85		-4,569.11	
k. Legal and professional fees	-7,145.96		-7,269.47	
l. Publications EJDR	-34,652.44		-35,067.18	
m. Other Publications	-15,804.00		-9,100.00	
n. Studies / events	-16,062.18		-21,754.15	
o. EADI working groups	-3,100.00		-9,367.05	
p. Other operating expenses	0.00	-335,945.38	-0.10	-348,909.55
4. Project-related expenses		-166,846.24		-110,907.96
Total expenses		-502,791.62		-459,817.51
5. Operating result		7,081.22		79,814.66
6. Consumption of the last year's earmarked reserves		182,738.37		102,922.84
7. Transfer into the earmarked reserves		-189,819.59		-182,737.50
8. Net result for the year		0.00		0.00

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2020 (EUROS)

Assets	2020	2019
A. Fixed assets		
Office equipment	450.00	1,174.00
B. Current assets		
1. Other receivables	0.00	5,119.03
2. Cash and cash equivalents	258,228.00	244,456.45
	258,228.00	249,575.48
	258,678.00	250,749.48

Equity & Liabilities	2020	2019
A. Equity		
Earmarked reserves	189,819.59	182,738.37
B. Other Accruals	11,090.00	13,952.31
C. Liabilities		
1. Trade accounts payable	11,103.72	4,918.82
2. Other liabilities	468.63	1,004.95
	11,572.35	5,923.77
D. Deferred income	46,196.06	48,135.03
	258,678.00	250,749.48

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EADI has the following types of working groups:

1. A network of institutes and individuals to exchange information, discuss research in progress and publish completed research.
2. A group jointly pursuing research on a specific topic, with the intention of reporting the findings in a publication at the end of its work.
3. A group providing joint input or service to development research or training,

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- The organisation of the Working Groups.
- How EADI supports Working Groups.
- The procedures for establishing a Working Group.

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