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# DSA Ireland Annual Conference

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Dublin, 23-24th October 2018

The Development, Conflict  
& Security Nexus:  
Theory & Practice

Venue: The Royal Irish Academy,  
Dawson Street, Dublin 2 & The Gibson  
Hotel, Point Square, Dublin 1.

# PROGRAMME OUTLINE

**DAY 1** – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018

18:00 - 20:15.

The Royal Irish Academy

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18:00 - 18:30	<b>Registration and Refreshments</b>
18:30 - 18:45	<b>Welcome Address:</b> Ms Mary Van Lieshout, Chair, DSAI
18:45 - 19:15	<b>Keynote Address:</b> <b>'Will Urban Innovation Solve Africa's Development Challenges?'</b> Prof Nic Cheeseman, Professor of Democracy and International Development, University of Birmingham
19:15 - 19:30	<b>Facilitated Discussion:</b> Chair: Ms Mary Van Lieshout, Chair, DSAI
19:30 - 20:15	<b>Reception</b>
20:15	<b>Close</b>

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**DAY 2** – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018

09:30 - 16:45.

The Gibson Hotel

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08:45 - 09:30	<b>Registration and Refreshments</b>
09:30 - 09:40	<b>Welcome Address:</b> Ms Mary Van Lieshout, Chair, DSAI
09:45 - 11:00	<b>The Development, Conflict and Security Nexus: Theory and Practice</b> Chair: Prof Pdraig Carmody, Head of Geography, Trinity College Dublin
09:45 - 10:15	<b>Keynote Address:</b> <b>'Domestic Politics and Disorder across Africa'</b> Prof Clionadh Raleigh, Professor of Political Geography and Conflict, University of Sussex
10:15 - 10:45	<b>Keynote Address:</b> <b>'Global Norms and Local Action: The Campaigns to End Violence against Women in Africa'</b> <i>Dr Peace Medie, Research Fellow, University of Ghana</i>

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10:45 - 11:00	<b>Facilitated Discussion</b>
11:00 - 11:30	<b>Refreshments and Networking</b>
11:30 - 13:00	<p><b>Breakout sessions 1-4: Strengthening Civil Society Engagement: Promoting Rights, Needs and Agency</b></p> <p>Session 1: General Development  Session 2: Humanitarian Action  Session 3: Gender  Session 4: Crisis Response  <i>(90 mins – Paper presentations followed by Q&amp;A)</i></p>
13:00 - 14:15	<b>LUNCH</b> <i>(Includes Postgraduate Meetup)</i>
13:30 - 14:15	<p><b>DSAI Annual General Meeting</b>  Stratocaster Room, The Gibson Hotel</p>
14:15 - 15:45	<p><b>Breakout sessions 5-9: Building Resilience Through Knowledge, Innovation and Better Decision-Making</b></p> <p>Session 5: Education  Session 6: ICT4D  Session 7: Adaptive Programming  Session 8: Rethinking Civil Society  Session 9: Nutrition, Agriculture and Food Insecurity  <i>(90 mins – Paper presentations followed by Q&amp;A)</i></p>
15:45 - 16:00	<b>Refreshments and Networking</b>
16:00-16:30	<p><b>Transforming our World</b>  Chair: Dr. Angela Veale, Lecturer, School of Applied Psychology,  University College Cork</p>
16:00-16:20	<p><b>Invited Speaker:</b>  <b>‘Ireland’s New (Emerging) International Development Policy’</b>  Mr. Ruairi De Burca, Director General, Irish Aid</p>
16:20-16:30	<p><b>Presentation of Robert Chambers Award 2017</b>  Hosted by Dr. Angela Veale, Lecturer, School of Applied Psychology,  University College Cork; Presented by Mr. Ruairi De Burca, Director General, Irish Aid</p>
16:30-16:45	<p><b>Closing Remarks:</b>  Ms Mary Van Lieshout, Chair, DSAI</p>
16:45	<b>Conference close</b>

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS 1 - 4

Strengthening Civil Society Engagement: Promoting Rights, Needs and Agency  
11.30 – 13.00 (90 mins – Paper presentations followed by Q&A)

### SESSION 1: GENERAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Prof Pdraig Carmody, Head of Geography, Trinity College Dublin

#### **Speakers:**

**'How China 'Made America Great Again': the paradoxical effects of Chinese Trade on African Foreign Policy Positions'**

Padraig Carmody, TCD

**'Freedom of movement in the Southern African Development Community: Pathways to development'**

Julian Formica, TCD

**'Capacity Building for the Nigerian Navy: Eyes wide shut or corruption?'**

Sheelagh Brady, SAR Consultancy

**'An integrated approach to water security assessment in Senegal: metrics beyond the MDGs and SDGs'**

Ana-Maria Murphy -Teixidor, TCD

### SESSION 2: HUMANITARIAN ACTION

**Building Peace and Realising Human Security – Realities and Complexities in Fragile Contexts**

Chair: Ms Mary Van Lieshout DSAI Chair/ Head of Ethics and Compliance, GOAL

#### **Speakers:**

**'Ethical dilemmas in the development – security nexus: a human development and capabilities approach'**

Dr Su-Ming Khoo, University College Galway

**'Peace Building in South Sudan'**

Natalia Chan, Christian Aid

**'I am from Shingal: the Search for Meaning in Memory and the Construction of Ezidi Identity in the Aftermath of Genocide'**

Mairead Smith, Lund University

**'The Khmer Rouge Revolution Presented through Criminal Trials'**

Jia Wang, National University of Ireland Galway

### SESSION 3: GENDER

**Gender, Fear and Negotiation: From the Personal to the Political**

Chair: Prof Honor Fagan, NUI Maynooth

#### **Speakers:**

**'Attitudes towards family planning in Potou, Senegal: Fear, Family and the role of men'**

Emily Wolfteich, TCD

**'The phenomenon of internally displaced people in Nigeria - Women in the context of conflict and humanitarian aid'**

Patrycja Koziel, Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw

**'Addressing political violence against women by eliminating the Fear Factor'**

Tafadzwa Dari, Oxfam Zimbabwe

**'Women's engagement in non-violent resistance and development in the Occupied Palestinian Territories'**

Dr. Ibrahim Natil, DCU

## SESSION 4: CRISIS RESPONSE

### Competing demands and Human Consequences in Responding to Crisis

Chair: Dr Angela Veale, University College Cork School of Applied Psychology

#### Speakers:

**'The paintbrush opened doors which people could not open: reflections on a participatory action research project with Syrian and Palestinian women living in Shatila Camp in Beirut, Lebanon'**

Nibal al Alo and Chiaki Takenouchi (Syrian Social workers) with Dr Fiona Shanahan, Trocaire

**'The Impacts of conflict on food security in South Sudan'**

Caitriona Dowd, Concern Worldwide

**'Gender, Displacement and Urban Resilience: Feminist Methodologies for SDGs 5, 11 and 16'**

Sinead McGrath, UCD

**'Including children with disabilities in sport and play - The Plan2Inclusivize sport for Inclusion Training Programme'**

Barbara Scettri, Education Advisor, Plan International Ireland

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS 5 - 9

Building Resilience through Knowledge, Innovation and Better Decision-Making  
14.15 – 15.45 (90 mins – Paper presentations followed by Q&A)

## SESSION 5: EDUCATION

### Safeguarding, Rights and Innovation

Chair: Dr Gerard McCann, Head of International Programmes, St. Mary's College, Queen's University Belfast

#### Speakers:

**'Technological Innovation and Development'**

Jean Cox-Kearns, CEO, Camara Education Ltd

**'Educating Gaza'**

Stephen McCloskey, Director of the Centre for Global Education, Belfast

**'Better Safeguarding in Development contexts'**

Gerard McCann, St Mary's College, Queens University Belfast

**'Children's Rights and Education'**

Dr Benjamin Mallon, DCU Institute of Education

## SESSION 6: ICT4D

### Information Communications and Technology for Development (ICT4D)

Chair: Mr PJ Wall, TCD School of Computer Science

#### Speakers:

**'Blood Assurance System'**

Zahika Shah Yaqeen

**'Information and Communication Technologies For Education (ICT4E) in Low Income Countries: How Can Technology Make a Difference?'**

Sergio Donati & James Mulligan, TCD

**'Enabling change with mobile-based community led monitoring'**

Rashmi Sharma

**'Causal Explanation of Mobile Health (mHealth) in Sierra Leone - A Morphogenetic Analysis'**

PJ Wall, Dave Lewis & Lucy Hederman

## **SESSION 7: ADAPTIVE PROGRAMMING LEARNING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Chair: Ms Gráinne Kilcullen, Governance and Human Rights Programme  
Advisor, Christian Aid

### **Speakers:**

**Keynote:** David Booth, Senior Research Associate, Overseas Development Institute

**'An overview of the design and implementation of adaptive programming in complex programmes'**  
Gráinne Kilcullen, Christian Aid Ireland

**'Experiences from practice of adaptive programming: challenges and opportunities'**  
Ramón Villalta, Iniciativa Social para la Democracia (ISD is a Christian Aid partner)

**'Lessons and learning from changing ways of working in gender and development'**  
Carol Wrenn, Trócaire

### **Panel Discussion:**

'Applying adaptive programme management in governance, gender, peace building and human rights'

## **SESSION 8: RETHINKING CIVIL SOCIETY POLITICS, ETHICS AND PRACTICES**

Chair: Dr Su-ming Khoo, School of Political Science and Sociology, NUI Galway

### **Speakers:**

**'The Security-development nexus and the taming of civil society'**  
Dr HG Chimiak, Polish Academy of Sciences

**'Human Safari in Magical Kenya: North-South relations in the frame of Slum tours around Kibera'**  
Aleksandra Gutowska, Warsaw University

**'Weaving a Dream Together: Connecting places, cultures and knowledge through traditional weaving with Wayúu women in Colombia'**  
Alejandro Valderrama Herrera, Maynooth University

**'The Role of Local Think Tanks in Hybrid regimes'**  
Aytan Gahramanova, DCU

**'Culture of Development Practice in Ireland'**  
Lydia Kelly, TCD

## **SESSION 9: NUTRITION Nutrition, Agriculture and Food Security**

Chair: Ms Jacinta Greene, Nutritionist/ DSAI Study Group Convenor

### **Speakers:**

**'The Role of Agriculture in Achieving Food Security and Improved Nutrition in Northern Senegal'**  
James Mulligan, TCD

**'Nutrition response in Concern EU funded programmes in Bangladesh and Sudan'**  
Breda Gahan, Global Health, HIV and AIDS Programme Adviser, Concern Worldwide

**'The Integrated Child Development Scheme in India as a model for food security of the poor'**  
Dr Nita Mishra, Ireland India Institute, Dublin City University, University College Cork

### **Panel discussion:**

All Session Speakers

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## Keynote Speakers

**Professor Nic Cheeseman** is Professor of Democracy and International Development at the University of Birmingham and was formerly the Director of the African Studies Centre at Oxford University. Nic studies democracy, elections and development and he has conducted fieldwork in a range of African countries. The articles that he has published based on this research have won a number of prizes, including the GIGA award for the best article in Comparative Area Studies (2013) and the Frank Cass Award for the best article in Democratization (2015). Prof Cheeseman is founding editor of the Oxford Encyclopaedia of African Politics, and is a former Editor of the Journal of African Affairs. He is an advisor to Kofi Annan's African Progress Panel and is a frequent commentator on African and global events.



**Professor Clionadh Raleigh** is Professor of Political Geography and Conflict at University of Sussex, and the Founder and Director of the Armed Conflict Location and Event Data Project (ACLED). Her research is currently concentrated on power mapping, political elite networks and disorder across African states, and is supported by the European Research Council.

**Dr Peace Medie** is a Research Fellow in the Legon Centre for International Affairs and Diplomacy at the University of Ghana. Her book, 'Global Norms and Local Action: The Campaigns to End Violence against Women in Africa', which is under contract with Oxford University Press, examines how international organizations and the women's movement have influenced the implementation of gender-based violence norms in Liberia and Côte d'Ivoire. She is an editor of African Affairs and a 2015-2017 Oxford-Princeton Global Leaders Fellow. Her recent publications include 'Power, Knowledge and the Politics of Gender in the Global South' and 'Gender and Rape Reporting in Post-Conflict Côte d'Ivoire: Accessing Justice and Ending Impunity'.



**Ruairí de Búrca** is Director General of Irish Aid in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Ireland. A career diplomat, he was Joint Secretary to the British-Irish Secretariat in Belfast, Northern Ireland from 2014 to 2017. He held the role of Ambassador of Ireland to Mozambique, Angola and Botswana between 2010 and 2014 and has also served abroad in Mexico, Spain and Greece. At the Department of Foreign Affairs, Ruairí has worked on issues facing Northern Ireland, Western Balkans, humanitarian aid, and the European Union. He has also served in the Irish Department of Finance.

The Development Studies Association of Ireland (DSAI) is Ireland's association for researchers and practitioners working in the field of international development.

The DSAI was set up in 2009 to connect researchers, policymakers and professionals in Ireland who are working in international development and on international development issues.

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