



**DSAA**  
Development Studies Association of Australia

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

*Development Studies:  
Research, Debates & Trajectories*

Conference 6-7 February 2020  
Post-graduate & Early Career Researcher Day 5 February  
Deakin Downtown, Collins St Melbourne

**Abstract / Proposal / Review extended deadline: 4 October 2019**

Submit to: [DSAAconference@gmail.com](mailto:DSAAconference@gmail.com)

The Development Studies Association of Australia (DSAA) was officially registered in March 2019, to represent Development Studies researchers, scholars and practitioners engaged in research, teaching and training across Australia. This inaugural conference seeks to re-examine debates in light of the contested nature of Development Studies, explore trajectories in the field in light of the formation of the association, and consider new research from around Australia and beyond.

What is Development Studies? What are the emerging directions, trends, trajectories? What is its contemporary relevance in light ongoing decolonisation, funding cuts and the rise of the global south? Is Development Studies even still relevant, or should part of our purpose be to make ourselves, our courses and even our agencies redundant? How does Development Studies relate to Indigenous and community development? Where are the boundaries and relationships with anthropology, politics, economics, geography, and so on? Is there a unique contribution for Australia to make to Development Studies? This conference will explore these big questions about the field as a whole, as well as profiling the diverse work of individual researchers and teams doing new things across the field.

What we do know is that Development Studies is a diverse, interdisciplinary field that takes 'development' as its central concern. It addresses processes of social, cultural, ecological, economic and political change, and also the people, organisations, practices and knowledges that engage in related processes. It focuses not only on contemporary human well-being, but also animals, the environment and intergenerational concerns.

Papers/panels/roundtables/practice workshops are welcome across any aspect of Development Studies, including (but not limited to)

- Economics of development
- Socio-economic development
- Development cooperation
- Political economy and social change
- Poverty, inclusivity and well-being
- Gender and development, intersectionality

- Humanitarian disasters, conflict and peacebuilding
- Rural development / urban development
- Labour and migration
- Law and human rights
- Environment /environmental sustainability
- Anthropocentrism
- Indigenous development, community development and the shift to global development
- Information, communication, education for development
- The role of universities in Global Development
- Development Studies teaching and pedagogy, including decolonising the curriculum

Separate PhD candidate & early career researcher (ECR) half-day day workshops precede the conference on 5 February, offering opportunities to workshop papers or grant applications, and focus on strategic research planning and career pathways.

High quality papers of 5,000 words (maximum) may be submitted for peer-review, for publication in the DSAA Online Working Paper Series. A prize of \$150 will be awarded to the best paper submitted to the DSAA conference, prior to 31 December 2019, and should be sent to [dsaaussie@gmail.com](mailto:dsaaussie@gmail.com) with the subject heading 'Submission for best paper prize-DSAA conference'

**Abstract / Proposal extended deadline: 4 October 2019**

**Submit to: [DSAAconference@gmail.com](mailto:DSAAconference@gmail.com)**

Papers	Submit an abstract of 150-200 words with 50 word author bio(s)
Panels	Submit 3-4 abstracts of 150-200 words, plus abstract for the overall panel of 150-200 words, together with 50 word author bio(s)
Practice workshops	Submit 150-200 word proposal a 30-60 min workshop, highlighting underlying research/theory, practical application case study(ies), and evaluation of effectiveness. Workshops co-led by or involving dialogue between practitioners and academics will be favoured. Include 50 word author bio(s)
Roundtables	Submit 150-200 word proposal for a 30-60 min roundtable topics, aimed at building knowledge through dialogue and establishing potential new collaborations. A core group of at least 4-5 practitioners or academics to be involved should be named, with 50 word bio(s)

**Review extended deadline: 4 October 2019**

**Submit to: [DSAAconference@gmail.com](mailto:DSAAconference@gmail.com)**

### **PhD Candidates & Early Career Researchers**

Paper review	Submit an abstract of 150-200 words for a paper you wish to have discussed and reviewed during PhD & ECR day, with 50 word author bio(s)
Grant review	Submit 150-200 word detail of a grant application you will have fully drafted for discussion and review during the day. ECRs only. Include 50 word author bio(s)