

Dear DSAA Members and Supporters,

The festive season is almost upon us! The Committee would like to thank all our members and supporters for a fabulous 2019: our very first year as an academic association. In the final newsletter of the year, we share news of our upcoming conference, updates on important DSAA initiatives, job opportunities and call for papers. As always, if you have any news to share, please send it to contact@developmentstudies.asn.au.

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season, and looking forward to seeing many of you in February 2020.

Conference

Preparations are well underway for the inaugural DSAA Conference *Development Studies: Research, Debates & Trajectories*, 5-7 February 2020 at Deakin Downtown, Melbourne. We have 2 outstanding keynote speakers booked, over 100 papers from around Australia and overseas scheduled, plus 7 dynamic practice workshops and several roundtable discussions. The main conference will be preceded by an HDR/ECR day on 5 February. Thank you to everyone involved for all your help in planning and preparations!

A conference dinner will be held on Thursday 6 February, 6-8:30pm, at Library at the Dock, right on the waterfront in Docklands (about 10 mins walk / 6 mins tram from the conference venue). The cost of the dinner is included in the conference registration. This will be a great opportunity for networking and socialising.

If you have not registered yet, please hurry to secure your place! <https://events.humanitix.com.au/dsaa-conference-2020/tickets>

A draft schedule for the conference will be released this week (see website for updates: www.developmentstudies.asn.au).

And please don't forget our Working Paper Series! Any high quality papers from the conference (or otherwise), 5,000 words (maximum), may be submitted for peer-review towards publication in the DSAA Online Working Paper Series. These may be submitted during or after the conference.

ANZSRC – Development Studies FOR code in proposed changes

The ANZSRC Review Consultation Draft has been released. We are pleased to announce that Development Studies is one of three new fields of research added under 16-Studies of Human Society. Details are found here: <https://www.arc.gov.au/anzsrc-review/anzsrc-consultation>

The proposed code 1609 Development Studies includes the following sub-fields:

- Development Cooperation
- Economics of Development
- Gender and Development
- Humanitarian Disasters, Conflict and Peacebuilding
- Labour, Migration and Development
- Political Economy and Social Change
- Poverty, Inclusivity and Well-being
- Rural Development
- Socio-economic Development
- Sustainable Development
- Urban Development (excludes planning)
- Development Studies not elsewhere classified

A huge congratulations to the working group led by Anthony Ware who put together the DSAA proposal. A major aim of the DSAA was an FOR code for Development Studies, and it is wonderful to be almost there within our first year!

The work is not finished yet, as submissions on the proposed changes are being received until February 10, 2020. The DSAA has drafted a letter in support of these changes (thanks again, Anthony), and we are encouraging members to write similar submissions from their respective universities.

Statement of Respectful Relationships working group:

Our thanks to everyone who completed the survey and shared your thoughts on our values as an association of researchers, teachers and practitioners. The working group is now drafting a statement that will be circulated for further input. Our thanks to Lauren Tynan, Vicki Ware, Catherine Chalk, and Michelle Dunscombe: members of the working group.

The working group has also proposed formulating a Reconciliation Action Plan. We will be discussing this at the conference.

Assisting members in writing Research Grants

ARC season is upon us! The DSAA would like to support members in writing competitive research grants in a number of ways.

- The ECR day during the DSAA conference will hold a session where mentors will review draft proposals. If you would like your draft reviewed, please email to conference@developmentstudies.asn.au by Jan 15.
- a library of successful and near-miss grant applications that members can access. If you have such applications and are willing for these to be shared with DSAA members, please email them. If you would like access to such applications, please email contact@developmentstudies.asn.au.
- matching applicants and readers/mentors. If you would like someone to offer feedback on an application, or are willing to be a mentor, same email

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Two positions at UNSW Sydney: Developments studies

UNSW is advertising two Level B positions in their Development Studies Program.

- A continuing mixed track appointment
- A three-year education focused appointment (approximately 6 hours per term over three terms)

The deadline is **January 16, 2019**

<https://external-careers.jobs.unsw.edu.au/cw/en/job/498669/lecturer-in-global-development>

<https://external-careers.jobs.unsw.edu.au/cw/en/job/498701/education-focussed-ef-lecturer-global-development>

CALL FOR PAPERS

DSA2020: New Leadership for Global Challenges

The Development Studies Association's (UK) annual conference in 2020 will take place at the University of Birmingham from 17-19 June. **Call for Papers:** 29 Nov 2019 - 20 Jan 2020.

<https://www.devstud.org.uk/conferences/2020/>

Borders, Identities and Belonging in a Cosmopolitan Society: Perspectives from African Migrants in the Diaspora

the African Studies Group(ASG) would like to invite you to submit a paper proposal to our inaugural conference titled Borders, Identities and Belonging in a Cosmopolitan Society: Perspectives from African Migrants in the Diaspora to be held on **12-14 March 2020** at the University of Melbourne. ASG provides an enabling platform for informative and supportive collegial discussions among researchers with a focus on Africa and African Diaspora. This conference is part of our ongoing effort of fostering better understanding of, and connections with, African communities in the Diaspora. Call for papers:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe21zN0voZKtkyO4FaXXLuGybGVo7TRUZRmWksQc1qKje4GWA/viewform>