



**DSAA**  
Development Studies Association of Australia

Dear DSAA Members,

It is my privilege to write to you as the newly-elected President of the DSAA, to apprise you of the highlights from the DSAA Annual General Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020: the elections, and the DSAA plans for 2021 and beyond.

### **DSAA Elections**

I would like to first say a very Big Thank You to **Tanya Jakimow** our founder President. Although DSAA is a collective effort Tanya's leadership played a significant role in making DSAA a reality. Even though she is no longer part of the executive, there is comfort in knowing that she will continue to be part of DSAA and share her wisdom.

We would also like to thank two outgoing members **Nichole Georgeou**, and **Vicki-Ann Ware**, both founder members who we hope will continue to play a role in different capacities. On another note, our social media administrator **Rachel Young** is also stepping down as she has started a full-time job, congratulations Rachel, and thank you for making DSAA visible in the social media space. Rachel has generously agreed to stay in the role till DSAA finds a replacement. Our call for expressions of interest in the Social Media Administrator position is below.

We had excellent nominations for all roles; the newly elected committee members announced at the DSAA AGM are:

**President** - Tahmina Rashid

**Secretary** - Anthony Ware (re-elected unopposed)

**Industry representative** - Philippa Smales (re-elected unopposed)

**2 general committee members** Charles Mphande and Ana Carballo

### **Call for proposals for Thematic Interest Groups**

At the AGM, the DSAA decided to invite EOIs for thematic interest groups, as this was a suggestion strongly endorsed by several participants at the Consultations on DSAA's Five Year Strategic Plan. Such Thematic Interest Groups could be organised around reading, study, practice, pedagogy etc. We ask that each group identify at least 3 members who will take the lead to organise at least 2 activities (of their choice) each year, which can be open to other DSAA members and will be promoted through DSAA newsletter/website. **Please use the form here to express your interest.** EOIs should include 300 words brief on how the proposed thematic interest aligns with DSAA vision and mission, planned activities, and

contact details/institutional affiliation of at least 3 core members and the nominated coordinator.

**EOIs to be submitted by 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021.**

Email: [contact@developmentstudies.asn.au](mailto:contact@developmentstudies.asn.au)

### **Calls for EOI to Host the DSAA Conference 2022**

At the AGM, we also opened the call for EOI to host its 2022 bi-annual conference. Hosting the conference provides an excellent opportunity to organise a conference on a special focus, engage with fellow scholars, practitioners and researchers; showcase its research, publicise host institution and its academic programs.

The call is not limited to universities only. NGOs, research organisations and institutions can submit EOIs as partners to co-host; we are also open to conferences in multi- hub, and in dual mode. Innovative proposals will be considered favourably.

Interested institutions should submit the proposal including conference title and a 500 word concept note on the proposed theme. Also submit -Major Streams; Keynote speaker; any side event such as workshops; contribution of the host institution/s (cash or in kind); the names of the individuals taking responsibility at the institution, and the proposed role of the host/s in convening the conference. **EOI should be submitted by 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2021.**

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### **Call for Expressions of Interest: Administrator Social Media**

This is a part time, home based role (4-6 Hours/week; \$43/hour (including casual loading) for 1 year, subject to renewal.

#### Role of the Administrator:

- Manage and where relevant set up DSAA social media accounts including Twitter and Facebook;
- Use DSAA social media accounts to promote DSAA news, announcements and other information as appropriate;
- Compile DSAA newsletter;
- Manage DSAA membership list; and
- Update DSAA website include uploading new content.

#### Essential Criteria:

1. Familiarity with using social media platforms for social justice-related activities;
2. Strong writing and editing skills;
3. Excellent communication and people skills;
4. Ability to meet deadlines;
5. Communications experiences; and
6. Website maintenance skill.
7. An education, work background or interest in development studies.

Interested persons should send a brief CV & response to Criteria (no more than 2 pages), and contact details of 3 referees **by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021** to Dr Joyce Wu, Treasurer,

[joyce.wu@anu.edu.au](mailto:joyce.wu@anu.edu.au)

### **Development Studies Blog**

The DSAA pedagogy blog is an effort to promote dialogue and collaboration around DS learning and teaching within and beyond the academy. A list of suggested topics, as well as contributor guidelines, is provided in the launch post [here](#).

There is no deadline for submissions, and publication of accepted pieces will be staggered in an effort to keep the webpage dynamic (you are also welcome to re-publish your work). Those interested in contributing to the blog, please contact [Kearrin Sims](#) with a pitch, questions, or a complete piece. For all contributions, please include your name, title, and institution. We particularly welcome submissions from PhD Candidates and ECRs.

### **IN OTHER NEWS....**

#### **Congratulations**

Dr Rochelle Spencer (Murdoch University) has been elected Co-Chair of the RDI Network Committee

Associate Professor Anthony Ware (and Professor Gregory Barton with David Husy and Plan International Australia) have been awarded ARC funding for their Linkage project "Appropriate Development Interventions to Violent and Hateful Extremism". The project investigates how the international development and humanitarian activities of Plan International should best address violent and hateful extremism (VHE).

#### **Call for Expressions of Interest: Early Career Editor, The European Journal of Development Research (EJDR)**

EJDR is looking for an international development research-active scholar from any relevant social science or related discipline, with 10 years' experience with publishing and reviewing for high-ranking journals. To complement EJDR's existing editorial team, it would be highly preferred (though is not required) that the scholar have both qualitative and quantitative experience across the international development studies spectrum.

To be considered for this role, please email your curriculum vitae (including a list of any awards and publications) with a covering letter detailing why you are interested in the role to: Natalia Lorenzoni, Managing Editor, European Journal of Development Research - [n.lorenzoni@outlook.com](mailto:n.lorenzoni@outlook.com)

Closing date for receipt of expressions of interest: 31st January 2021

<https://www.eadi.org/news-archive/2020.12/call-for-expressions-of-interest-early-career-editor-the-european-journal-of-development-r/>

#### **Calls for Papers and Research Proposals**

[Call: Call for Proposals: 2021 HDCA Conference "Capabilities and Transformative Institutions", Antwerp, Belgium 13-15 September 2021 \(Hybrid On-Campus & Online\)](#)

2020/12 – Institute of Development Policy, University of Antwerp (IOB); Deadline: 15 February

**The 7th Asian Conference on Education & International Development (ACEID2021), 22-24 March, 2021**

<https://aceid.iafor.org>

Australasia Pacific Community International Development 2021 conference | now 27 – 29 April 2021. <https://rdinetwork.org.au/events/australasia-pacific-community-international-development-2021-conference-now-27-29april-2021-deferred-from-20-22-april-2021/>

[Call: Scholarships - PhD in Global Development](#)

2020/12 – Interdisciplinary Global Development Centre, University of York; Deadline: 27 January 2021

[Call for Papers: On 'China and International Development: Knowledge, Governance and Practice'](#).

2020/11 – Institute of Development Studies (IDS), Brighton; Deadline: 25 January

**EADI ISS Conference 2021: Solidarity, Peace and Social Justice, 5-8 July 2021**

Limited call for abstracts, 09 December 2020 – 15 February 2021

<https://www.eadi.org/gc/2021/limited-call-for-abstracts-09-december-2020-15-february-2021/>

**ICSD 2021 : 9th International Conference on Sustainable Development, 8 - 9 September 2021 Rome, Italy** <https://ecsdev.org/conference/9th-icsd-2021>

DSAA members intending to share any news to the wider membership, please get in touch with our current social media person: Rachel Young - [rachel.young1@my.jcu.edu.au](mailto:rachel.young1@my.jcu.edu.au)

*Enjoy the summer break and festive season. Stay safe and well*

*Tahmina Rashid*