



DSAA
Development Studies Association of Australia

Development Studies Association of Australia (DSAA) Conference

Un/Doing Development

7-8 July 2022

Western Sydney University, Parramatta City Campus

Level 9/169 Macquarie St, Parramatta NSW 2150

Call for Papers

‘Un/Doing Development’ signifies both the practice or ‘doing’ of development and the many different ways in which we can think about development being or coming ‘undone’, including decolonising development. Our conference theme allows DSAA members and guests to consider the various ways in which development occurs and is contested.

After the November 2021 COP26 meetings in Glasgow, there is increased urgency to act to reduce the harmful effects of industrialisation and pollution on the global environment, and to work together to attain a sustainable future and just future for all. This is not a new debate, but it has become more urgent than before. The idea of development occurring in harmony with nature has been with us for several decades, and since the 1987 Brundtland Commission report *Our Common Future*, has been central to United Nations Efforts to achieve global action. Indeed, the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) claim to provide a framework for achieving sustainable development, and for transitioning to a more equitable, greener more just global economy and society.

Development Studies Association of Australia’s 2022 conference theme **Un/Doing Development** aims to bring students, researchers, practitioners, and policy makers together to contribute to debates such as, but not limited to:

- Rethinking economic development in the global economy, especially assumptions of economic growth for all.
- Indigenous perspectives and contributions to debates on development
- Gender and development
- Disability and development
- Contradictions between theory and practice in development
- Alternatives to development
- Sustainable development in the global South and the global North
- Climate change and development
- Sustainable development and technology transfer
- The UN Sustainable Development Goals
- Peace and development
- Conflict and development
- The humanitarian/development nexus
- Community development
- Overseas Development Aid agendas

HDR Research Day 6 July 2022

DSAA invites Development Studies Higher Degree Research Students to a pre-conference workshop on Wednesday 6 July 2022, with the conference formally commencing on Thursday 7 July. This pre-conference workshop involves senior academics in Development Studies and includes mentoring opportunities in small groups, as well as feedback on written papers.

Conference 7-8 July 2022

The DSAA conference formally commences on Thursday 7 July 2022 and concludes in the afternoon of Friday 8 July 2022.

DSAA invites academics, HDRs, practitioners to submit abstracts or descriptions of ideas for consideration. Sessions will be conducted in parallel over the course of two days. On each day there will be a keynote speech, as well as parallel sessions.

Please frame your ideas for papers as standard academic conference presentations of between 15-20 minutes maximum.

Please frame your ideas for panels, discussion round tables/symposia and practice workshops with a time limit of 90 minutes for the entire session.

- **Papers** — standard (15-20 minute) academic presentation based on planned, ongoing or completed research.
- **Panels** — three standard academic papers of 15-20 minutes presentation time each, with 30 minutes for audience questions and general discussion. Presentations may provide different perspectives on the same general topic, region, state/country, theme or subject of investigation. If you wish to include four or more papers you will still only have 90 minutes, so each paper must be shorter. You must also nominate a Chair, who will be responsible for ensuring that all speakers received equal time and that there is 30 minutes for questions.
- **Practice workshops** — a practice workshop is intended to apply practitioner knowledge to a specific theme or practice in development. Please frame your proposed practice workshop in a way that is accessible for a diverse audience.
- **Discussion round table/Symposium** — these sessions will involve the thematic exploration of a specific issue or question. They may involve up to five or six speakers in discussion or debate providing short statements on an issue before questions and general discussion. These sessions must involve opportunities for audience engagement.

Please send abstracts by 1 March 2022 to: DSAA2022_abstracts@dsaa.net.org

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