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Addressing the needs of individuals researching issues relating to Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East

## WHO WE ARE: OUR OBJECTIVES

The Global South Forum (GSF) is visualised as an interdisciplinary network of researchers whose projects touch on issues facing the Global South including Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. The countries in the Global South are emerging as powerful economies in the international system but they still face a number of challenges going forward including poverty, HIV/AIDS, conflict and environmental degradation. But, within these challenges, opportunities emerge which can be evidenced by the innovations seen from mobile telephones to solar power.

The purpose of this forum emerged from a need to offer students and staff from the University of Southampton, as well as those farther afield, an opportunity to network and share their ideas and the challenges faced within their particular projects. These range from ethical and logistical issues to technical knowledge and skills gaps. We emphasize the interdisciplinary nature of the Forum as we firmly believe that debate on the Global South needs to encompass different fields in order to be effective. The focus is on editorial output in the form of presentations, blogs bulletins as well as workshops and conference reports.

## RESEARCH THEMES

The work of the Forum will be organized under the following six themes:

- Millennium Development Goals (Health, Education, Environment and Poverty)
- Technological innovation for development
- Migration and urbanisation
- Families and intergenerational support
- Conflict and identity
- Economics and trade policies

Activities will include monthly presentations, bi-monthly documentary screenings, workshops and conferences as well as engagement with social media and other online forums.

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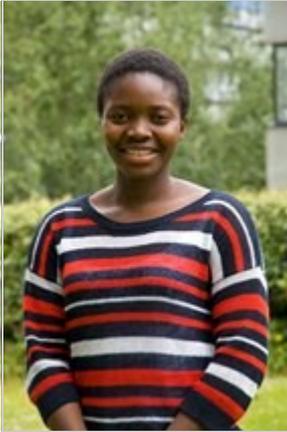
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## A warm welcome from the editor

### Welcome to the first issue of the Global South Forum Bulletin; the development publication for students, researchers and staff at the University of Southampton.



I am pleased to be able to welcome you as editor of *The Global South Forum Bulletin*. I would begin by introducing and thanking the members of the GSF Steering Committee who have worked endlessly since the launch of the Forum in July 2012 to make this first issue a reality: Fiona Ngarachu, Angelos Katsaris, Sylvia Szabo, Julia Pelle, Amie Kamanda and Salma Hegga. You will read more about this fantastic team under *Steering Committee* in the following pages. I also wish to thank Kate Jowett who kindly agreed for the GSF to reproduce her award winning essay on partnerships between Universities in the North and South.

This Bulletin celebrates the interdisciplinary nature of the University of Southampton. It will bring together researchers from different Faculties. It is one of many activities that the GSF is engaged in which aspires to engender discussion, networking as well as collaboration among academics across disciplines. In this first edition of the Bulletin, the activities in which the Global South Forum is engaged in will be publicised. These include a seminar series, a film series, an annual workshop and a call to all researchers (undergraduates, postgraduate taught and research students) to engage in issues in the South by writing to the Bulletin commenting on policies, conferences and documentaries.

The Bulletin will be published thrice a year (Autumn, Winter, Spring). It is envisaged that subsequent issues will feature articles on research focusing on the GSF themes or geographic regions. In addition, there will be reviews of monographs, reports, policies, documentaries and films. Reflective accounts of field work will also be included. This first issue will introduce the members of the GSF team and the upcoming events for the academic year 2012-2013.

The team would like to invite all researchers interested in the Global South to firstly sign onto the GSF mailing list ([gs-f@lists.soton.ac.uk](mailto:gs-f@lists.soton.ac.uk)) so that we can create a truly global community at the University of Southampton. Also, we would like to call on participants for the seminar series in the academic year 2013-2014. Contributions for the subsequent issues are welcomed and please join us for the film night. Undergraduates and postgraduates are especially welcome.

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16 October 2012.

## MEET THE TEAM: INTRODUCING MEMBERS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE



### **FIONA NGARACHU**

I am a PhD student in the Department of Politics. My project focuses on how young people exercise and practice their ethnic identity in Kenya. The questions of interest in my project are: How do young people 'learn' and develop their aspectival identities in their communities? How are young people negotiating their daily lives? My background is varied as I started out my career in the private sector working in marketing and public relations before using a break to do my master's degree as an opportunity to shift to the not-for-profit sector in Kenya.

I believe the Global South Forum is important as an opportunity to meet those outside your sometimes narrow focus. It is surprising what insights can be gained when you look at your work from a totally different perspective.



### **AMIE KAMANDA**

I am a postgraduate researcher in Demography. My research examines the demographic consequences of the Sierra Leone civil war, 1991-2002. I have a background in history, development studies and demography. As such, I epitomise the multi-disciplinary approach promoted by the Global South Forum!

My research interests include conflict and development, forced migration, as well as population change at the micro level. I am enthusiastic about the GSF because it offers researchers an opportunity to engage in issues specifically relating to the Global South through a multiplicity of avenues including seminars, publications and film nights.



### **ANGELOS KATSARIS**

I am a postgraduate researcher in the Politics and International Relations Department at the University of Southampton. My research is on the governance of climate change in the Mediterranean region with a specific focus on the South (Middle East and North Africa). Interaction in regional and international institutions offer various opportunities to South Mediterranean countries to promote their interests in funding, technical assistance and technology transfer and capacity development of their institutional framework.

GSF is a genuine interdisciplinary initiative which accommodates many of the aspects of my PhD research and establishes a link with my personal interests for the climate, development and capacity problems in the South. GSF activities such as conferences, bulletin involvement, film night and publications have an added value in my career as a scientist and promote a hub of interaction and co-operation among early career researchers with a specific focus in the South.



### **MAMUSU KAMANDA**

I am a postgraduate researcher in the Division of Social Statistics and Demography. My research is an investigation into primary and secondary school attendance among children of official school age in West Africa. Using the United Nations framework of Education for All, my research aims to map the patterns of school participation as well as to deduce the contextual factors which determine educational participation.

Given the interdisciplinary nature of my research, the GSF initiative was an instant appeal to me. It offers an added value to student life at the University through its academic and social activities (monthly presentations, quarterly bulletin, workshops, film nights, summer barbeques) which promise to engage and broaden the experience of all students, not least postgraduate students.



### **JULIA PELLE**

I am a lecturer in Mental Health, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Southampton, UK. I am currently teaching on “*Culture, Ethnicity Race and Mental Health*” across a variety of undergraduate, postgraduate and post qualifying health and social care programmes. I have held mental health nursing posts in acute in-patient mental health, working in a number of culturally diverse settings. Presently, I am completing my PhD which explores the experiences of carers from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities who care for relatives with enduring mental health problems in the UK.



### **SALMA HEGGA**

I am a PhD student in Geography and Environment. My research investigates the factors related to Disaster Risk Management particularly exploring flood preparedness and the role of social capital for flood risk management in Tanzania. The study intends to bridge the gap between hazard theories, social capital theories, psychological factors and socio-economic models to explain households’ protective behaviour.

I am an interdisciplinary researcher in environmental changes with particular interest in natural hazards, rural societies, livelihoods, poverty and development, and disaster risk management in East Africa. I believe my participation in the GSF will significantly broaden and transform my knowledge and skills in undertaking research in human dimensions of environmental challenges in the developing world.



### **SYLVIA SZABO**

I am a postgraduate researcher in Social Statistics and Demography. My research interests include issues relating to population growth/population dynamics, urbanization, natural resources, development aid, and the politics of global governance. Previously (2006-2011), I was an employee of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, a Geneva based international financing institution.

I am excited to be part of the GSF because it offers a unique opportunity for researchers and practitioners to share knowledge and contribute to the debate on key challenges and opportunities in global development. This is even more important as we are approaching the 2015 MDG deadline!



## GLOBAL SOUTH FORUM SEMINAR SERIES 2012-2013: A FORUM TO PUBLICISE YOUR RESEARCH

The GSF Seminar series has two goals. Firstly, it is a platform for researchers to present their research findings to their peers and a wider audience, namely PGRs from different faculties, since the topics cover a spectrum of research themes. Secondly, it is an opportunity to engage in current debates. While occasional guest speakers outside of the University of Southampton will be invited for certain themes, emphasis will be placed on researchers across the different faculties at Southampton.

The seminar presentations are broadly based around the GSF themes. As such, guest speakers across disciplines from

Electronics, Politics, Economics, Demography, Statistics, Geography, Health and Medical sciences will be invited to speak at the seminar series.

Presentations will take place on a monthly basis and the proposed schedule for the academic year is shown below under 'Upcoming events'.

We look forward to seeing you.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Speaker	Title	Location/time (pm)
31 Oct. 2012	Professor Nyovani Madise, Professor of Demography & Social Statistics	What is development? Perceptions and relevance for the Global South.	B58/1065 2:00 – 3:00
12 Nov. 2012	Marlon Parker, Founder, Reconstructed Living Lab	RLabs: Information and Communication Technologies for Development	B58/1025 1:00 – 2:00
12 Dec. 2012	Dr. Dirk Gorissen, Research Fellow	Taarifa – connecting citizens with government	B58 / 1009 2:00-3:00
16 Jan. 2013	Fiona Ngarachu, Politics	Ethical issues in research with children in Kenya	B54 / 7035 (7B) 2:00-3:00
13 Feb. 2013	Dr. Martin Mulenga, IIED	Urban water and sanitation challenges in low-income countries	B58 / 1025
13 March 2013	Mamusu Kamanda, Social Statistics	Patterns of school attendance in the Mano River Union	B58 / 1009 2:00 – 3:00
17 April 2013	Julia Pelle, Health Sciences	African and African Caribbean Carers experience of caring for a family member with an enduring mental health problem in contemporary Britain	B58 / 1009 2:00 – 3:00
22 May 2013	Dr. Valbona Muzaka, Lecturer in Global Politics	Prizes for Pharmaceuticals? Mitigating the Social Ineffectiveness of the Current Pharmaceutical Patent Arrangement in the Developing World	B54 / 7033 (7C) 2:00-3:00
12 June 2013	Amie Kamanda, Demography	Regional variation in human rights violations during the Sierra Leone civil war, 1991-2002	B58 / 1009 2:00 – 3:00
17 July 2013	Philippa Waterhouse, Demography	Work-family interface and maternal consequences: a case study of Accra, Ghana	B04 / 2007 2:00 – 3:00

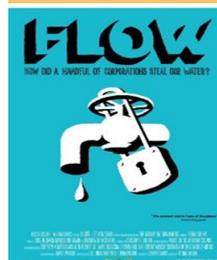
## DOCUMENTARY FILM

Documentaries can provide great insight into a topic by giving faces to some of the issues which can seem abstract in the articles and books that we read for research purposes. Films which address some of the themes in GSF (MDGs, technological innovation for development, migration and urbanisation, families and intergenerational support, conflict and security, and economics and trade policies) will be screened. It is envisaged that these films will spark lively discussions afterwards.

Feature films to be screened include: *Welcome to Lagos*, *Born into Brothels*, *War Dance*, *Life and Debt* and *The truth about climate change*.

**Date: every fortnight starting Friday 12 October 2012**

## FEATURE FILMS



*Flow: For Love of Water (2008)*  
Irena Salina's award-winning documentary investigation into what experts label the most important political and environmental issue of the 21st Century - The World Water Crisis.



*Iraq in Fragments (2006)*  
Stories from modern day Iraq as told by three Iraqis living in a time of war, occupation and ethnic tension.



*Only When I Dance (2009)*  
The story of two teenagers striving to realise an extraordinary dream. One girl and one boy, both black and poor, are planning to dance their way out of one of the most violent favelas in Rio de Janeiro.

## FILM SERIES

Date	Title	Venue	Time
12 Oct. 2012	Welcome to Lagos (Part 1)	58/1009	5:00pm
26 Oct. 2012	Flow: For love of water	58/1065	6:00pm
9 Nov. 2012	War dance	58/1065	6:00pm
23 Nov. 2012	Harvesting Hunger	58/1065	6:00pm
7 Dec. 2012	Slavery: A 21st century evil	58/1065	6:00pm
11 Jan. 2013	When China Met Africa	58/1065	6:00pm
25 Jan. 2013	Life and Debt	06/1081	5:00pm
08 Feb. 2013	The Sound of Mumbai	58/1009	6:00pm
22 Feb. 2013	Born into Brothels	58/1025	5:00pm
08 Mar. 2013	Black Gold	58/1025	5:00pm
19 April 2013	The truth about climate change	58/1025	5:00pm
3 May 2013	The end of poverty	58/1025	5:00pm
17 May 2013	The Boy Who Plays On The Buddha's Of Bamiyan	58/1025	5:00pm
31 May 2013	Iraq in Fragments	58/1025	5:00pm
14 June 2013	In this World	06/1081	5:00pm
28 June 2013	The Boy Mir	58/1025	5:00pm
12 July 2013	Only When I Dance	58/1025	5:00pm
26 July 2013	Mange tout	58/1025	5:00pm

# WORKSHOP ON CLIMATE CHANGE DEVELOPMENT AND ADAPTATION IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH - REVISITING THE GAPS AND CHALLENGES IN CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION (CCA)

Date: Summer 2013

Venue: Murray Building (B58), University of Southampton

The Global South Forum (GSF) would like to welcome you to the University of Southampton for the Climate Change Adaptation workshop (CCA) in March 2013. GSF builds on the initiatives by postgraduate students/researchers and academicians of the University of Southampton working on issues relating to Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. This is the first workshop organised in our series to bring together academicians and researchers to provide a valuable forum for dialogue on CCA.



This workshop aims to understand the challenges of CCA in the Global South. The objectives of this workshop are: a) to raise awareness of the issue of CCA in the South, b) to explain how CCA works in Africa, c) to examine the linkages between socio-economic conditions, governance and CCA.

Keynote presentations from experienced academicians in CCA and postgraduate researchers will foster exchange of information and knowledge on CCA in the South. Further, cases studies from northern and eastern Africa will provide new empirical evidence for discussion.

## Background:

Climate change and variability continue to affect prospects for growth and poverty reduction in developing countries. Extreme weather events such as droughts, famine and floods have increased in frequency and severity in the past years and seriously affect communities' livelihoods and government resources. The effects of climate change vary between countries, depending on the structure of their economies, historical legacies and government policy responses. Understanding how people and their governments adapt to climate change is increasingly important as climate change is predicted to accelerate the occurrence and severity of weather related extreme events.

Countries in the south are among the most vulnerable continents to climate change and climate variability. The impacts of climate change are aggravated by stressors occurring at different levels and low adaptive capacity. The linkages between CCA, socio-economic conditions and the governance of CCA activities are a particular challenge to effective adaptation. The interconnected nature of CCA and multiple stressors call for the need of a holistic approach that combine the best practices of CCA in order to increase resilience.

## Registration:

To register please email the Global South Forum: [gsforum@soton.ac.uk](mailto:gsforum@soton.ac.uk)

Registration deadline: December 31st 2012 (tentative)



## CALL FOR POSTERS AND PARTICIPANTS



Researchers working on climate change, capacity building, vulnerability, impact of climate change on health, livelihoods, environment and development are invited to submit abstracts for posters (250 words) to the Global South Forum for the annual workshop which will focus on *Climate Change and Adaptation*.

The workshop will be student led and is supported by the Centre for Global Health Population Poverty and Policy. It is organised jointly by the Division of Social Statistics and Demography, Politics and International Relations, and Geography.

Abstracts can be submitted to: [gsforum@soton.ac.uk](mailto:gsforum@soton.ac.uk)

## CALL FOR PAPERS

Subsequent editions of the GSF Bulletin will publish contributions by postgraduate students and academics. Contributions should broadly fall under the themes governing the GSF objectives. However, if your research is not covered by any of the themes, please still submit your contribution as long as the issues discussed relate to the Global South.

All articles should be 800–1000 words and include an abstract. Reviews of monographs, reports, policies, documentaries and films are welcomed. Comments on seminars, conferences and workshops attended are also invited. Plans for future research presented in the form of a short abstract (200 words) and working papers can also be submitted. Working papers should not exceed 500 words.

The next issue of the GSF Bulletin is in January 2013 and the theme is ***Interdisciplinary Approaches and Challenges to Development***. Deadline for papers: **14th December 2012**. Papers should be submitted to Global South Forum: [gsforum@soton.ac.uk](mailto:gsforum@soton.ac.uk) with your name, title of the paper and your Faculty.



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## CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS



The Steering Committee is responsible for overseeing the activities in which the GSF engages. It is presently formed by a group of seven volunteers in various disciplines. The Committee meets four times in the academic year (October, January, March, and May).

In order to operationalize the activities of the Forum, more members are needed to organise the film night, edit the Bulletin, recommend and contact guest speakers for the seminar series, organise the workshop and annual conference as well as raise funds for the aforementioned activities. Volunteers are welcomed from Masters taught and

postgraduate researchers.

### **Future meetings**

Winter 2013: January

Spring 2013: March

Summer 2013: May

**If you would like to be a member of the Steering Committee, please contact us at:**

**Global South Forum:** [gsforum@soton.ac.uk](mailto:gsforum@soton.ac.uk)

## PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN UNIVERSITIES IN THE NORTH AND SOUTH IN DEVELOPING THE CAPACITY FOR LEARNING



Partnerships between Universities in the 'North' and 'South' in developing the capacity for teaching, learning and research can be explored through the following themes, with an emphasis on sub Saharan Africa:

### **1. Partnerships and capacity building benefits institutions and individuals**

Working with partner Universities to strengthen teaching and learning in degree programmes has the potential to improve enrollment rates onto academic courses. This will work towards ensuring sustainability of African institutions, and will increase the number of technically trained individuals within departments who are able to conduct good quality research. Creating strong partnerships with the institutes in the North could also provide great opportunities for joining research consortia and disseminating future research to a wider audience through publications and conferences.

There is a huge amount of knowledge transfer that can be gained from established Universities in the 'North'. For example, the University of Southampton has an internationally renowned reputation in teaching and research in Demography and Social Statistics, and collaborations with staff from there will ensure that courses and programmes in Africa are developed to an extremely high standard.

Developing degree programmes within Universities will give young people the opportunity to access good quality education and develop real, applicable skills for careers in academia, public policy, health services, government and management roles. By ensuring the curriculum includes current research findings, it will mean that students receive a strong academic grounding in the most up-to-date issues, case studies and methods, placing them at the forefront of knowledge of the key issues in demography and social statistics.

### **2. Capacity building can improve the quality of future research**

By improving the academic capacity of African institutions, there is a potential for enhancing future research. By training the institutions and people who know the languages, problems, cultural and contextual intricacies of their country better than anyone else, the quality of research in sub Saharan Africa could be expected to increase.

Research conducted by young Africans, trained and studying in African Universities can help bridge the gaps between findings and policy change. It can also ensure that research is demand-led – who better to understand the research needs in countries and communities than the people who live there? Bridging these gaps means that Universities can work closely with governments to ensure that research objectives and strategic aims for development and change are harmonized.

Strengthening Universities expands the base of educated and trained individuals in-country. By ensuring that the teaching and research objectives are current, they can help inform local and national government objectives, such as future policy direction and other targeted approaches to change. Leading the field in new research, and particularly policy-specific research with a measurable impact, makes institutions more attractive to potential project investors and prospective students and academics.

### **3. The effects of partnerships and capacity building are *not* just uni-directional**

Institutions in the North can benefit from this shared experience too. Working with people who are involved in new, front line programmes can enhance research and teaching in degree programmes in the 'North', as it will give them access to 'cutting edge' African research. It allows Universities in the 'North' to work with new and dynamic individuals in partner institutions in the 'South', and assess and evaluate their own methods and modalities of teaching. It also brings great opportunities for early stage researchers from Universities in the North to work closely with Universities in sub Saharan Africa. These opportunities mean that individuals could work with primary data, be involved with the collection and cleaning processes, and build the local links required when conducting qualitative inquiry.

The role of 'Northern' institutions should be to empower the South in developing their own sustainable programmes for teaching, learning and researching with the aim of capacity building. Although high mobility of trained staff and researchers is well documented, there are already academics, research teams, students and young future researchers working in sub Saharan Africa with the desire to discover and the desire to make changes – strong partnerships can help make this a reality.

Kate Jowett, PhD student, Faculty of Social and Human Sciences, University of Southampton

## **INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

Global Health, Population, Poverty Policy,  
GHP3

An intern is required to work once a week at the GHP3 Centre located in the Murray Building. The intern will be responsible for contacting scholars for presentations.

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